

TOMORROW

English brutality, which led to a decline in the Irish population, has constantly fed the flames of Irish hatred. That, at least, was what Hitler's generals were told in the summer of 1940 as they made plans to invade Ireland, the back door of Britain's defences. On the Spectrum page tomorrow, Robert Fisk describes how the Nazis planned "Operation Green".

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'Troops were desperately pulling corpses from the rubble'

Blast kills 33 at US Embassy in Beirut

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

America's political honeymoon in the Lebanon came to a savage and terrifying end yesterday when a massive bomb - either hidden in a police vehicle and detonated by remote control or carried by a suicide bomber in his own car - blasted down part of the United States Embassy in Beirut, slaughtering at least 33 people and wounding another 105. They included senior Embassy staff, American Marine guards and Lebanese civilians who were queuing at the ground-floor visa section when the explosion tore them to pieces.

The bomb was so powerful that the seven-storey central section of the Embassy simply collapsed in a cloud of dust and flames, crashing to death everyone inside. A Lebanese military armoured vehicle was blown off the coastal boulevard that runs past the building and tumbled into the Mediterranean while the corpses of Embassy staff were tossed 50 feet through the air onto a carpet of rubble and glass outside.

The explosion also blasted the self-confidence of some would say complacency of the American-organised multinational force in Beirut and destroyed the sense of security that the American presence in Lebanon had given to tens of thousands of Lebanese. Coming only days after the collapse of the Reagan initiative, and at a time when the United States was still vainly trying to secure the withdrawal of Israeli and Syrian troops from the country, the bomb was clearly intended to strike at the very heart of President Reagan's Middle East policy.

Only 10 minutes after the bomb went off, an organisation calling itself "Al Jihad Al Islami" - "Islamic Holy War" - claimed responsibility for the carnage. An anonymous caller, speaking slowly and in a Lebanese accent, telephoned the Beirut newspaper *Al-Liwa* and the *Agence France Presse* news agency to say that the attack was "part of the Iranian revolution's campaign against the imperialist presence throughout the world". In fact "Al Jihad Al Islami" is a faction of the Shia Muslim political advantage if the Americans were proved to be powerless to prevent such anarchy in Beirut.

But such speculation seemed cruelly irrelevant in the immediate aftermath of the explosion yesterday. When I reached the ruins of the Embassy just over four minutes after the bomb had gone off, flames were still coming out of the building and from dozens of parked cars on the driveway outside. A dozen of so French and Lebanese troops were desperately pulling corpses from the rubble, some of them weeping and one of the soldiers screaming uncontrolably, as the extent of the slaughter became clear.

The roadway was slippery with water, glass and blood and other, more terrible objects. Continued on page 7, col 6



Rescue workers in action: Some blackened corpses had been stripped half-naked by the explosion.

Early poll call 'would put party first'

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

If the Prime Minister decides in favour of an early general election, as many of her colleagues in government believe she should, most voters will consider that her decision has been taken for reasons of political advantage rather than national interest. An opinion poll taken for Independent Television News on Saturday invited respondents to say whether national interest or the pursuit of political advantage would be the Government's main aim. Nearly two thirds believed it would be political advantage.

Even among Conservative supporters 59 per cent preferred national interest as the likelier motive. Among the Government's opponents the response was even less generous, with 74 per cent of Labour and 73 per cent of Alliance supporters ready to attribute an early election date to political advantage.

The poll of a representative sample of 1,625 electors throughout Britain was conducted for ITN by Opinion Research Centre. It goes to the heart of Mrs Margaret Thatcher's dilemma, if she is seriously considering a June election, because it gives colour to the most persistent fear of her advisers - that voters will accuse her of opportunism. It may be that fear which, to another question, led 62 per cent of Conservative supporters to say that the Government should have an early election, which only 28 per cent of Conservatives wanted. But among Labour supporters 76 per cent, and among Alliance supporters 59 per cent, wanted an election soon.

As to voting intention, the ITN poll, in an unusual sequence of questions, found that only 55 per cent of voters had decided which party to support. Among these the Conservatives again had a marked lead of 12 points. The figures were: Conservative 48 per cent, Labour 36 per cent, Alliance 12 per cent.

At Westminster the very low figure for Alliance support was treated with some scepticism. A more orthodox poll conducted by MORI for the *Standard* and published yesterday recorded support at Conservative 43 per cent, Labour 34 per cent, Alliance 22 per cent. MORI questioned 1,825 electors on April 7 to 12.

All new cars to take lead-free petrol within seven years

By Hugh Clayton, Environment Correspondent

All new cars will have to run on lead-free petrol by 1990, Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for the Environment, said yesterday. He was responding to a warning from the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution that the amount of lead in the blood of the "general population" was too close to a potentially dangerous level.

Mr King's statement went further than any previous Government commitment. He said he would like new cars to be able to run on lead-free petrol before 1990, but there were two hurdles to cross before a date could be announced. One was to persuade the rest of the EEC to change Community rules to allow all member states to change to lead-free petrol, and the other was to agree with car manufacturers a date from which they could fit new models with appropriate engines. At present petrol in the EEC must contain at least 0.15 grammes of lead per litre, the level to which British petrol will fall early in 1986. The present British level is 0.4 grammes per litre.

Existing car engines can meet the 1986 low-lead requirement but cannot run without lead-based anti-knock compounds. "I think this Royal Commission report has been valuable in cutting through a lot of the propaganda and a lot of the somewhat exaggerated claims of the various lobbyists on the various sides", Mr King said later.

Top-level talks bring peace hope for BL

By Barry Clement

Talks between BL and the leaders of the two main unions involved in the three-week strike at the Cowley plant were adjourned last night until Wednesday.

Mr Harold Musgrove, chairman of the Austin Rover group, said Mr Terence Duffy, president of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers and Mr Mostyn Evans, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, would carry out intensive negotiations today with shop stewards and district leaders. He said: "I sincerely hope we do not have to dismiss anyone. At this level of talks we should have a successful conclusion."

A possible deal would involve restructuring of bonus payments rather than a transparent attempt to buy off the workers. The peace initiative was launched on Sunday by Mr Duffy, who insisted that there could be a deal over the "washing up" period at the end of shifts, the issue at the centre of the stoppage. A settlement could involve "compensatory payments" for loss of the time.

The talks were arranged after a midnight telephone conversation between Mr Duffy, who was at his union's annual conference in Eastbourne, and Mr Evans in Scotland. But any compromise will have to be put before local union leaders, at Cowley and possibly before a mass meeting at the plant today. The strikers, under the guidance of Mr David Buckle, local official of the transport union, have consistently refused to climb down over the washing-up issue. A BL worker at Longbridge killed himself after being laid off on his birthday because of the Cowley dispute.

Walesa held on road to Warsaw

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

Lech Walesa, the former Solidarity chairman, was held by police yesterday while on his way to Warsaw to pay tribute to the Jewish resistance fighters who died 40 years ago in the ghetto uprising against the Germans.

The police move - they stopped Mr Walesa near Olszym on the road from Gdansk to Warsaw - was unexplained but seemed designed to prevent Mr Walesa taking part in any pro-Solidarity demonstrations in the capital.

The incident was the latest in a series of clashes between Solidarity sympathizers and the authorities that have characterized the ghetto uprising anniversary. The government had hoped to use the extensive ceremonies and celebrations as a way of building up international respectability and atoning for the antisemitic campaigns waged in Poland 15 years ago.

Instead there has been a succession of disputes involving the underground and Jewish resentment at the participation of the Polish Liberation Organization in wreath-laying ceremonies.

Mr Walesa, who openly admitted last week that he had met the illegal Solidarity underground, had hoped to take part in an unofficial ceremony marking the anniversary.

About 200 Jews and Solidarity supporters - including Dr Bronislaw Geremek, a former advisor to Mr Walesa - gathered outside the gates of the Jewish cemetery.

Mr Walesa was travelling yesterday with his friend Father Henryk Jankowski, the Gdansk shipyard priest, and an actor, Jozef Duraycz. The two were subsequently released and Mr Jankowski said he had been assured that Mr Walesa would be released soon.

Cleric jumps bail in South Africa and flees to UK

By Clifford Longley

The Rev Cedric Mayson, on trial under the Treason Act in South Africa, has jumped bail and fled to Britain where he is being sheltered by churchmen. He arrived late on Sunday night, having evaded South African security men and crossed the Lesotho border. His trial resumed in Pretoria yesterday but was adjourned indefinitely after the judge said he had received a letter from Mr Mayson announcing that he was not intending to surrender to his bail of 1,000 rands (£500).

Cedric Mayson, international secretary of the British Council of Churches, said Mr Mayson, a Methodist minister, was resting at an undisclosed address, and would explain how he escaped today.

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Election fever takes fire out of union attack on Labour's pay policy

From Paul Routledge, Labour Editor, Rothessy

General election fever yesterday overtook the Labour movement's policy on free collective bargaining as militant Scottish trade union leaders agreed on a formula of loyalty to the Shadow Cabinet.

In the face of mounting political pressure, miners and civil servants toned down a left-wing motion hostile to the prospects of an incomes policy under the TUC-Labour Party plan for an annual "national economic assessment".

The Scottish TUC conference will still go on record tomorrow with a declaration of opposition to wage restraint, but by then delegates will have voted unqualified support for the new political accord, *Partners in Rebuilding Britain*.

Moderate leaders of the General, Municipal, Boilermakers and Allied Trades Union (GMBATU) yesterday persuaded the STUC General Council to take over their motion committing Scotland's one million trade unionists to campaign for the return of a Labour government based on the policies contained in the joint document.

Mr David Gabbat, general secretary of GMBATU and chairman of the TUC economic committee, argued: "Unity has never been more essential".

Partners in Rebuilding Britain envisages a government-supported extension of collective bargaining which would involve acceptance of a policy on incomes. Mrs Helen Liddell, secretary of the Scottish Labour Party, insisted that the new deal would give the unions enormous power of a kind they had not enjoyed before.

It would give them a say in the allocation of resources within their enterprise, but she gave a warning: "It gives power with responsibility. You cannot accept the rights that power will give you and deny the responsibility."

Labour's priorities were to provide jobs, improve the living standards of the most needy, and to improve the living standards of those in work.

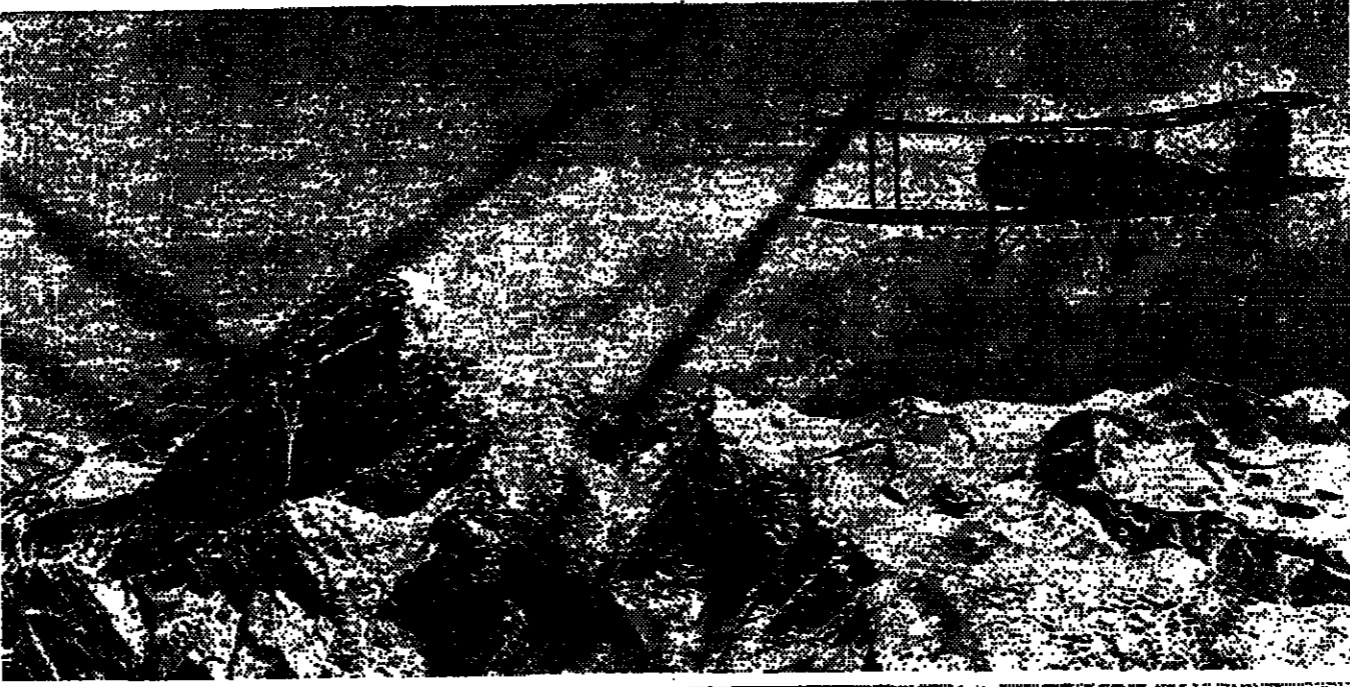
Hostility to wage restraint will resurface tomorrow as the miners seek to recoup as much ground as they can from the "heavy operation" mounted by British TUC leaders to quell what was seen as an embarrassing political revolt.

Mr Cambell Christie, deputy secretary of the Society of Civil and Public Servants (SCPS), said: "It is important to get a strong and powerful statement against incomes policy and against wage restraint. We expect it to be passed unanimously as it is a declaration of the policy of most unions in the hall."

However, the SCPS proposal to oppose any discussions of wage restraint "whether statutory or voluntary or through a national economic assessment with this or any Government", has disappeared in favour of a more general formula favoured by the Scottish miners and with which union moderates feel they can live.

Delegates are expected to endorse unanimously the emergency motion being discussed today, which welcomes and fully supports Labour's *Programme for Britain* adopted by the General Council of the TUC and the Labour Party National Executive last month and committing delegates to campaign for the return of a Labour government based on the policies contained in *Partners in Rebuilding Britain*.

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Flying back to the past

Fifty years ago today two Westland biplanes flew over Mount Everest for the first time.

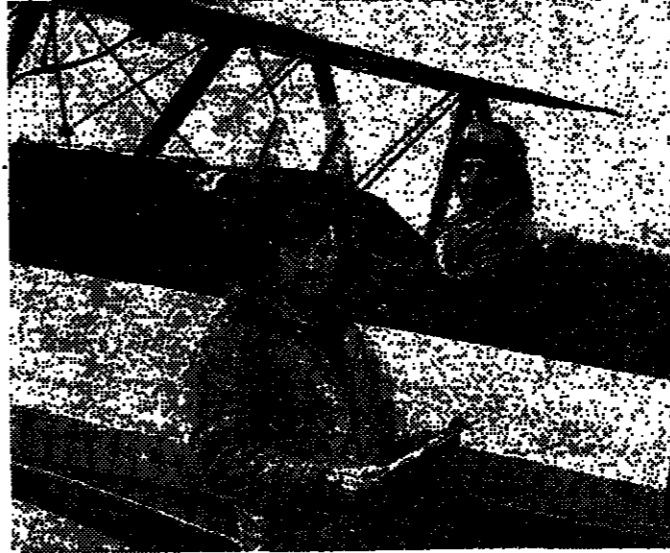
The photographs taken then and published in *The Times* helped British climbers in their conquest of the mountain two decades later.

One of those is reproduced above, showing the Houston Westland flying towards Everest, approaching Lohsta, at 32,000ft.

To obtain the necessary permissions for the flight, Mr John Jordan (in the aircraft) will test the Boeing Stearman biplane over Bedfordshire.

Mr Jordan will particularly check supercharger oxygen equipment required to push the aircraft to 30,000ft.

This year's journey, planned for the next few months, will also be photographed and shown of the 1933 aircraft will be invited to fly in the camera aircraft and follow in their fathers' footsteps.



Science report

Aphids flee from wild, hairy potato

By the Staff of Nature

A wild, hairy potato has been found to stare off aphids (such as greenfly) by mimicking the alarm signal that is given out by a dying aphid to warn its neighbours. The alarm, an airborne chemical or pheromone, causes the aphids to drop off the plant, so protecting from diseases transmitted by the pests.

This is believed to be the first time that a crop plant has been found to use the alarm signals of its pests to protect itself against disease.

The hairy potato, *Solanum berthaultii*, has been known for several years to be resistant to insect pests such as the Colorado potato beetle, aphids, thrips and mites. The resistance was thought to be caused by the fact that the hairs which cover the surface of the potato plant act as a barrier to the pests, preventing them from attacking the leaves.

Attempts at cross-breeding have produced cultivated potatoes which give them physical defence against pests. Further investigation has shown, however, that there is more to the hairy leaves than meets the eye.

There are two types of hairs on the leaf surface, short, lobed hairs ("Type A") which, when touched to produce a quick-setting fluid that traps the insect, and long, sticky hairs ("Type B"), which entangle the insect and encourage it to burst more Type A hairs.

Plant breeders, however, noticed that potatoes with both types of hair were more resistant to aphid attack than those with just Type A hairs, and that potatoes with the same proportions of A and B hairs had different resistances to aphid infestation. So the old idea that the hairs put up simply a physical barrier against attack was rejected. It seemed that the plant must also be using some kind of chemical defence system.

Thinking that the plants might be giving out some kind of toxic chemical, similar to that produced by wild tomatoes or tobacco plants, Dr Gibson and Dr Peter Rotherham, Experimental Station in Hertfordshire, analysed the leaves of the wild potato.

Surprisingly they found that the leaves contained substantial amounts of the chemical (E)-B-farnesene, which is the alarm signal of several species of aphid, including most of those which transmit viruses to potatoes. They found that this pheromone was produced by the sticky B hairs, and that sufficient amounts of the chemical were present above the surface of the leaf to trick the aphids into believing that the leaf was a danger site.

Dr Gibson observed that, whereas aphids are normally attracted by the yellowish green colour of the leaves, they would keep between 1 and 3 mm from the edge of an *S. berthaultii* leaf, walking along its length "as if in two minds about climbing on to it".

Dr Gibson hopes that a potato plant will soon be available for cultivation that is chemically resistant to aphids. The insects should be discouraged from landing on the crop by the warning signals emitted by the leaf and therefore, provided the stock is initially free from diseases, the incidence of aphid-transmitted diseases should be eliminated or substantially reduced.

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Firemen threaten to strike

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

The likelihood of a series of one-day lightning strikes next week by Britain's 30,000 firemen depends on a government statement which is expected within the next few days on whether ministers are determined to make public service workers pay more for their pensions.

Firemen, with the police, have been told that from the beginning of next month their pension will be indexed to the cost of living. This will be increased by 4 per cent. Leaders of the Fire Brigades Union (FBU) met some Home Office officials yesterday to warn them that unless the Government backed down the strikes would then go ahead.

or the FBU, which is due to hold a delegate conference next Tuesday to decide whether to back the union executive's call for a strike.

Labour fears split as Duffy attacks policies

From Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter, Eastbourne

Evidence of a serious split in Labour movement over disarmament and Common farm policies emerged yesterday during Mr Terence Duffy's residential speech to the amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers.

Mr Duffy, who is on the right-wing of the party, attacked Labour's policy on unilateralism and withdrawal from Europe, two of the key issues on which it hopes to attract electoral support, his speech will be highly embarrassing to Michael Foot, the Labour leader who is to address the conference tomorrow and is submitted to supporting both sides.

for an early election, are to make the Labour Party's policy of "one-sided" disarmament one of the central issues of the next general election.

Ministries criticized

Mr Gordon Downey, the ombudsman and Auditor General, has criticized three government departments for failing to meet their own standards of control over nationalized industries (our Political Correspondent writes).

On the Department of Industry's control of British Telecomunications, Mr Downey said: "It appeared to me that the department had little detailed knowledge of the economic modelling method used by BT to prepare the medium-term plan and that its ability to assess its soundness was therefore impaired."

Mr Tatchell gave in to the "overwhelming view" of the local party that he was not the right person to stand at the general election.

Whitelaw dashes hope on prisons

Separate deputations of MPs and prison governors complained yesterday to Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary, about "appalling" conditions in which men are being kept in police cells instead of prison camps away from the public.

Disabled couple can keep child

From Arthur Osman, Lincoln

A severely handicapped couple yesterday won a legal battle to keep their son, aged four and a half months, who had been made a ward of court on the application of Nottinghamshire County Council.

tests assured them that the risk of having a handicapped child was no worse than for anyone else.

IRA informer's wife returns to Ulster

From Richard Ford, Belfast

The wife of an alleged IRA supergrass left a secret address to return to her home in Northern Ireland yesterday after being under police guard with her husband for eight months.

in-law that he wished to retract the statements he had made. On the same evening he apparently spoke to three of his sisters, and made further telephone calls.

MEP's visa withdrawn by Russia

By George Clark

In what is seen as a tit-for-tat move in the dispute over alleged diplomatic spying, Lord Bethell, the Conservative MEP for London, North West, had his visa withdrawn yesterday for a visit to the Soviet Union which he had intended to make at the end of this week.

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Chemist to be top defence scientist

Professor Richard Norman, an organic chemist from York University, is to be the next chief scientific adviser to the Ministry of Defence. He succeeds Professor Sir Ronald Mason, who returned to Sussex University earlier this year.

Youth 'put woman's body on railway line'

Mrs Katia Hopkins, aged 36, was murdered on her way home to a midnight rendezvous with a man, Reading Crown Court was told yesterday (our Reading Correspondent writes).

Sale room An historic curiosity brings top price

The last sale of oriental manuscripts and miniatures from the collection formed by Mr Hagop Kevorkian, an Armenian dealer and collector who lived in New York, brought £199,578 at Sotheby's yesterday, with only 1 per cent left unsold.

Two drama prizes for Cambridge

Cambridge University Mummies won two of the top awards in *The Sunday Times* National Student Drama Festival at Watfield.

Ray Mawby to retire

Mr Ray Mawby, aged 61, Conservative MP for the Devon seat of Totnes for the past 28 years, announced last night that "with reluctance" he will retire from Parliament at the next general election.

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House buying surges to 1980 levels as prices rise by 5%

By Baron Phillips, Property Correspondent

There has been a spring surge in house prices throughout London, the South-east, the South-west, and parts of the North and the Midlands, according to the latest residential market survey.

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors' monthly report on house prices, published today, shows that two-thirds of all estate agents taking part in the survey indicated rises of between 2 and 5 per cent and one in seven say that the cost of houses has increased by more than 5 per cent.

Homes in Greater London and the Home Counties are showing the largest rises, according to the report. An agent in Edmonton, north London, comments that over the last two months property prices have risen by between 5 and 8 per cent.

In Orpington, Kent, lower priced homes are selling for as much as 8 per cent more than at the beginning of the year.

However, it is not only the more affluent Home Counties that are witnessing the upsurge in house prices. In the depressed West Midlands agents are reporting that the market is more buoyant than for the past two or three years, with shortages of all types of property.

For the first time since the autumn of 1979 the Institution says that less than a third of its participating members are reporting no price changes during the last quarter.

A burst of house hunting during March has meant that houses across the country which had been languishing on estate agents' books for up to a year have now come under offer.

In the East Midlands a Hinckley firm commented that several houses which had been on the market for a year or more had been sold.

Demand is generally strongest for pre-1919 terraced houses which are usually sought by first-time buyers.

However, new property estate agents as far apart as Yorkshire and East Anglia are reporting faster sales in the more expensive categories. Agents in York are saying that homes at more than £75,000 are selling well and the same is being reported in Newmarket.

An agent in Barnes, south-west London, commented in the survey that demand for houses in the £100,000 to £150,000 range is not being satisfied because of an acute shortage.

However, in spite of this buoyant market agents are expressing concern over a shortage of mortgage finance. Mortgage queues are reported even in parts of the North, where demand is not at its strongest, and in Newcastle, Washington, and in the East Midlands.

Areas of highest demand, such as London and the South-east, have lists for loans. In London, for example, a prospective purchaser can expect to wait three or four months for a mortgage.

Mr John Thomas, the Institution's housing market spokesman, commented: "The burst of activity in Budget month was to be expected, but contrary to some recent headlines, no agents have reported gazzumping by sellers."



Mr Christopher Hughes outside his home in Ponders End, north London (Photograph: Bill Warhurst).

Driver aims for Mastermind title

By David Hewson

Mr Christopher Hughes, aged 35, a London Tube driver, will know tonight whether he is the BBC's new *Mastermind*.

But like the other three finalists and the audience, he will be sworn to secrecy about the result, which will be revealed only with the final's transmission on May 8.

Mr Hughes has established himself as the leading authority on the exploits of Mr Harry Flashman, the Victorian military hero, sportsman and cad.

His television performance on Sunday night, in which he answered correctly 18 questions about Flashman's ex-

claimed, though scurrilous life, astonished Mr George MacDonald Fraser, the author, who is normally regarded as the leading expert on the character of the wholly understandable ground that Flashman's deeds are his creation.

"I thought he was marvellous", Mr Fraser said from his home in the Isle of Man. "He got two more answers than I did. I could not remember the name of a woman in the Indian Mutiny and I wrongly anticipated a question about Palmerston meeting Flashman."

"If I had had the time, I would have been right on both,

but he started me because of the way he went through it."

In fact, the seven Flashman novels, in which real historical detail is cunningly intermingled with the cowardly machinations of a character first seen as the form bully in *Tom Brown's Schooldays*, were Mr Hughes' second choice as a specialist subject.

After winning his first heat on British Steam Locomotives 1900 to 1968, a subject to which he will return tonight, he wanted to opt for questions on C. S. Forester's Hornblower books in the semi-final, only to find that they had been selected by another contestant.

At Christmas Mr Hughes

decided to take the Flashman books instead, and set about rereading them.

Yesterday morning, unmoved by any nerves at the prospect of tonight's final at the Middle Temple, he clocked on for his morning shift driving a Tube train between Cockfosters and Heathrow, returned home at lunchtime to eat with his mother.

Mr Hughes left school at the age of 15 with four O levels and found a job working with steam engines as a British Rail fireman. When the passing of steam riled out his ambition to become an engine driver, he joined London Transport.

Surgeon 'could have simulated suicide'

By David Nicholson-Lord

A surgeon convicted of poisoning his mentally ill wife with a rare anticancer drug could have disposed of her by the much simpler course of writing to the Voluntary Euthanasia Society (formerly Exit), or simulating suicide through an overdose of barbiturates, the Court of Appeal was told yesterday.

Yet Paul Vickers, aged 48, "virtually put his name up in lights" when obtaining prescriptions for the drug CCNU, Mr Gilbert Gray, QC, told the court. There was no attempt to conceal his name or address with a doctor's spidery writing.

"It was virtually a visiting card", Mr Gray added. "He was running the most enormous peril."

Vickers, formerly head of the accident department at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Gateshead, is seeking leave to appeal against his conviction at Teesside Crown Court in November, 1981, for the murder of his wife. He was sentenced to life imprisonment with a recommendation by Mr Justice Boreham, the trial judge, that he serve a minimum of 17 years.

The grounds of appeal include alleged defects in the trial judge's summing up of medical evidence and his directions to the jury on the alternative verdict of manslaughter. There is also an application to call fresh evidence from three *News of the World* reporters who interviewed Miss Pamela Collison, Vickers' co-defendant, after she was acquitted of murder.

Vickers, of Moor Crescent, Gosforth, was brought from Wakefield prison for yesterday's hearing. Dressed in a dark suit and tie, he betrayed little emotion from the dock, occasionally leaning forward to concentrate on points of evidence.

Mr Gray said there was no medical evidence that CCNU, which is undetectable after death and was used to create in

Closer link for man's two families

Mr John Knight's mistress and their nine children are to be rehoused in the Cornish village where his wife and their 11 children live.

Mrs Claire Martens has accepted the tenancy of two council cottages at Doublebois, near Liskeard, which are to be converted into one house.

Her new home will be 200 yards from the detached house which Mrs Caroline Knight, who is again pregnant, took over just before Christmas.

Caradon and North Cornwall district councils agreed the arrangements after Mr Knight and the women said they did not want to be rehoused miles apart.

Janet Reger reopens shop

The glamorous Janet Reger women's underwear shop reopened in London yesterday, three months after the business collapsed with debts of £1m.

The firm will "concentrate on the upper price level", Miss Reger said at the shop in Beauchamp Place, Knightsbridge, opened with the help of a bank loan and investments by employees, some of whom are working without wages.

£11,000 'closed shop' award

Mr Gordon Phillips, aged 53, who was dismissed after working for 30 years with Clayton-Dewandre, brake manufacturers in Lincoln, when a closed shop was introduced by the unions, received £11,000 in compensation yesterday under the terms of the Employment Act, 1982.

The industrial tribunal which had previously dismissed his case agreed that the employers were "over a barrel" because the closed shop was allowed under law.

Korsa-Acquah remanded

Stephen Korsa-Acquah, aged 20, of no fixed address, was remanded in custody for a week yesterday by Bristol magistrates accused of four bank robberies, attempted murder and kidnapping.

Among the charges are attempting to murder Police Constable Owen Lelen, kidnapping Mr Tony Hatton, a lorry driver, and robbing Lloyds Bank in Bond Street, Bristol.

Threat to girls

London magistrates' courts are being used by men looking for young girls from the provinces who can be lured into prostitution after court appearances, according to Mr Eric Crowther, the magistrate at West London Court, writing in *Justice of the Peace*.

Trader jailed

Robert Hay, aged 43, a street trader, of Matland Park, Hampstead, west London, was jailed for five years in the Central Criminal Court yesterday for conspiring to steal mail from a train. Four others admitted their part in the attempted robbery last week.

Father's appeal

Mr Arnold Atkins, the father of Gillian Atkins, aged 14, who was murdered made a plea yesterday at Bourne, Lincolnshire, police station to the killer, or anyone who knows his identity, to go to the police.

Dead nurse film

Mr Ronald Smith is supporting plans to make a film about the death of his daughter Helen, aged 23, a nurse, who died during an illegal party in Jiddah, Saudi Arabia, nearly four years ago.

War widows get Labour support for grave visits

By Michael Hasnell

The campaign for government assistance to enable war widows to visit the overseas graves of their husbands received a boost yesterday when Mr Merlyn Rees, the former Home Secretary, said he will press in the House of Commons for the Government to provide facility visits to the graves.

His scheme envisages a start with those widowed in 1914 and allows for a steady progression through the ranks of those who lost servicemen husbands until 1967, when the Government introduced the present policy of providing facility visits to the graves of men who died after that date.

The proposal coincided with an attack on government statistics which according to Ministry of Defence spokesmen make sponsored visits too expensive to entertain. Although there are 64,000 widows of Servicemen killed in action before 1967, mostly in the Second World War, it is estimated that fewer than 10,000 would want to make such visits. Allowing for £500 a head, which is regarded as a realistic figure, it would mean a cost to the government of no more than £5m.

Mrs Iris Strange, the secretary of British War Widows and Associates, the organization which is leading the campaign for visits, said: "If you take into account those who do not want to go, those who have already paid their last respects and those whose husbands' last resting places are not known, you are left with surprisingly few widows."

"Those who wish to go and cannot afford to do so have in many cases spent a lifetime yearning to go and they must be allowed to before it is too late."

Mr Rees has twice written to Mrs Margaret Thatcher urging government assistance, but she replied that the numbers would be too large and any scheme too difficult and expensive to organize.

Hunt man cleared over cat killed by hounds

The whipper-in of the Berkeley Hunt was cleared yesterday of criminal damage and cruelty to a pet cat killed by hounds on a Gloucestershire caravan site.

Magistrates at Whitminster dismissed summonses brought by the owner of the cat, Mrs Dorothy Newman, supported by the League Against Cruel Sports, against Patrick Martin, aged 25, of The Kennels, Berkeley.

The court was told that the hounds mauled the cat to death after they killed a fox they had pursued on to Berkeley Vale Caravan Park on February 27 last year.

Mr Edward Cazalet, defending, said Mr Martin did all he could to stop the pack entering the site and was not aware of the attack on the cat.

The magistrates ordered that the costs of both sides be paid from central funds.

Last December the league persuaded the High Court to overturn the magistrates' original decision not to issue summonses.

Yesterday, Mr Edmund Lawson, for the prosecution, told the court that Mrs Christine Wilcox, who lived on the site, watched the 15-year-old cat, called Badgie, from the hounds, but it died.

Mr Lawson did not suggest Mr Martin intended that the cat should be harmed, but he was "reckless" in allowing the hounds into the caravan park.

Mrs Wilcox, who now lives at Hinton Court, Berkeley, said she saw about six dogs attacking the cat.

"They were playing tag-war with it. I managed to punch one of the dogs on the nose. I grabbed the cat and pulled it away." The cat bit and scratched her as it tried to escape.



Mr Martin: "Struck in the face."

24 new companies make it a record month for Wales.

The number of businesses established in Wales hit an all-time peak in February. Most of the newcomers are in the high technology sector.

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Mr John Giddens, an Opposition spokesman on industry, said by saying that business failures had reached an all-time record this year...

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Fire alarm that speaks its warning

The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament is to ask the Government for supplies of its leaflets on cruise, Trident and the nuclear debate, to send out with CND's own leaflets as part of the "public education" advertising campaign it is to launch shortly.

Farming in Britain: 2

Country Style, the firm he started, was bought by Unilever and Union International in 1965. He is now semi-retired, but helps his son to run a 250,000-bird broiler farm near Ripon, North Yorkshire.

Taking the fat with the lean

Wages Board's decision to bring forward negotiations on a new round of increases this year. "There are plenty of people who would be very glad to get what our craftsmen earn."

Market day: Buyers bidding for sheep at Smithfield.

Sheep farmers in Britain benefit from an EEC subsidy which lifts market prices towards those achieved in the rest of the Community.

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Mugabe flays corruption and plans more socialism for Zimbabwe

From Stephen Taylor, Harare

Zimbabwe entered the fourth year of its independence yesterday with celebrations across the country, military displays and indications that a more rigorous socialist policy will be pursued in the year ahead.

Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister, attended a rally in Harare at which President Canaan Banana, delivering the key address, said the next year of independence threatened to be "probably the most difficult period we Zimbabweans have yet had to face".

Although Zimbabwe remained one of the most peaceful and stable countries in the developing world there had been a spread over the past year of "a cancerous virus... the dissident menace, which poses an intolerable threat to our continued peace and prosperity," the President said.

A scheduled display at the rally by the Fifth Brigade, the unit charged with responsibility for recent massacres in Matabeleland was cancelled and substituted by a demonstration of unarmed combat by the new Presidential Guard.

Mr Mugabe has had little to say over the anniversary week-end about the Matabeleland troubles and has concentrated on economic objectives and problems.

In a speech to the nation on Sunday evening he fore-shadowed a leadership shake-up with a scathing attack on

corruption and what he termed bourgeois tendencies in ministers.

In an apparent reference to the recent dismissal of the Midlands city of Gweru he attacked "unscrupulous" officials for avarice and misappropriation of public funds.

"Even Cabinet ministers, with a more theoretical and thus hypocritical commitment to socialism: have, under one guise or another, proceeded to acquire huge properties by way of farms and other business concerns," he said.

The severity of Mr Mugabe's words appeared to herald a long-anticipated reshuffle in the Cabinet which, with 32 ministers, is unusually large and costly for a country of Zimbabwe's size and resources.

His utterance in the lead-up to the anniversary also point to a more overtly socialist programme in economic policy.

A professed Marxist, Mr Mugabe has followed a pragmatic economic course in the past three years but on Friday announced plans for large-scale nationalisation of industry.

Writing in *Zimbabwe News*, the mouthpiece of the ruling Zanu (PF) Party, he said the Government intended to acquire control of the grain milling, fuel procurement and national transport industries and "many other areas falling under the various economic sectors". He gave no details.

That intention may be the ultimate deterrent for foreign investment in Zimbabwe. But as there has been only one substantial infusion of investment since independence Mr Mugabe may have decided he will be losing by proceeding on a course which accords more with his natural inclinations.

Officer drain hits Air Force

The Zimbabwean Air Force has been hit by a spate of resignations as the trial approaches of seven officers facing charges over the sabotage operation which devastated the Air Force last year. Seven group captains and three wing commanders have resigned and will be leaving in the next two months, our foreign staff writes.

A number of lower ranks, including squadron leaders and pilots, are also departing, having opted to take early retirement under the so-called Muzorewa incentive scheme. Drafted in the year before independence, this allows members of the armed forces and civil services to transfer every April a third of their pensions outside Zimbabwe.

Although a similar number of Air Force personnel have resigned in previous years, this is the first time so many top-ranking officers have resigned in one batch.



Papal greeting: The Pope meeting the Armenian Patriarch Karekine II to concelebrate Mass on the outskirts of Rome yesterday.

Korean disco death toll reaches 25

From Jacqueline Reditt, Seoul

Twenty-five South Koreans died and 67 others were injured, most of them teenagers, when fire swept through a disco club here early yesterday.

Many of the victims were suffocated to death by smoke or poisonous gas while others were crushed in the attempt to escape when fire broke out at the club in Taegu, the third largest city in South Korea.

A witness, who escaped, said that as fire spread through the disco which is on the second floor, the place was plunged into darkness. About 150 people fled from the dance floor and fought to escape down a steep, narrow staircase. One person tripped on the stairs and others behind him fell.

According to first reports, an emergency door was shut with chairs in front of it, apparently to prevent customers leaving without paying their bills.

Police are investigating the cause of the fire, thought to be an electrical short-circuit.

Why exercises took Spain by surprise

By Harry Debellus Madrid

Spain's defence ministry was informed about naval manoeuvres off Gibraltar more than two weeks before "the Falklands fleet" arrived at the Rock, but the foreign ministry did not find out until Gibraltar television reported the fleet's impending arrival on April 8, according to a report yesterday in the monarchist daily ABC.

In an article signed by Alberto Miguera, the newspaper said the British Admiralty informed Spanish and Moroccan naval authorities late last month, and in Spain's case the information was transmitted via the naval attaché at the Spanish Embassy in London.

The lack of coordination between ministries, the article said, resulted in "the British fleet entering Gibraltar to the surprise of the public and in the face of apparent indifference on the part of those who already knew and the confusion of our diplomacy".

The paper also reported that the Gibraltar Assembly was to study measures related to the opening of the frontier with Spain. Among such measures to be considered yesterday, ABC said, was a proposal to impose a tax on Gibraltarians visiting Spain.

In another Madrid daily, *Diario-16*, Señor Fernando Arias Salgado, a diplomat and former Centre Party politician, referred to the tension over Gibraltar and maintained that Spain's foreign affairs activity showed "a growing lack of coordination at the administrative level, with regard both to

the principle of unified action and to public expenditure".

Madrid's Monday morning weekly *Hoja Del Lunes* assured readers in the main story on its front page: "Another new delay in the Spanish-British talks about Gibraltar is about to occur."

● GIBRALTAR: After a five-day operational visit the aircraft carrier *Invincible* and the other warships in the Navy flotilla sailed out to begin the annual Spring Train exercise in Atlantic waters. A submarine led them out, helicopters flew over head and a second submarine brought up the rear.

The Spanish destroyer *Langara*, anchored more than a mile away in Algeciras Bay and which had been on lone surveillance duty, also left afterwards as scheduled. Its mission had been described by Madrid naval sources as "emphasizing Spain's presence in waters of its national jurisdiction".

Señor Fernando Morán, the Spanish Foreign Minister, who ordered last week's diplomatic protest, has emphasized that Spain does not recognize any other national jurisdiction in the waters around Gibraltar, only "tolerance of the passage of ships".

Prince Andrew, aged 23, a helicopter pilot on the *Invincible*, appeared publicly on shore only once.

Many Gibraltarians believe that the Prince was observing strict instructions from the Queen to keep a low profile after his indiscretions recently in the Caribbean.

Zhao accuses Vietnam of invading Thailand

Canberra (Reuter) - Mr Zhao Ziyang, the Chinese Prime Minister, accused Vietnam yesterday of invading Thailand and said Hanoi was undermining stability in South-East Asia by repeated military action along the border with China.

"To our regret, the Vietnamese aggressors have to this day persisted in their armed occupation of Kampuchea and recently have gone further by frenziedly invading Thailand," Mr Zhao said in a speech to a parliamentary lunch in Canberra.

"What is more, they have repeatedly carried out military provocations along China's border. These actions... have seriously undermined the security and stability of South-East Asia."

The New China news agency said at the weekend that Chinese artillery had destroyed surface fortifications and earth defence works in Vietnam after frequent Vietnamese border attacks in the last month.

Diplomatic sources in Peking said the clashes between the two neighbours, who fought a bitter war in 1979, were clearly linked with Vietnamese raids on the Thai-Kampuchean border.

China's apparent aim was to distract Vietnam from its dry season offensive against Kampuchean guerrillas, they added.

Asian and Western diplomats say there is an understanding that China would react on its border with Vietnam if Thailand felt threatened by Hanoi's troops in Kampuchea.

Mr Zhao also called for the withdrawal of Vietnamese troops from Kampuchea and Soviet forces from Afghanistan.

"Foreign troops of occupation must be withdrawn from Kampuchea and Afghanistan... and the problems of each country should be solved by its own people free from outside interference," he said.

Mr Zhao, the highest ranking Chinese leader to visit Australia in a decade, later met Mr Bob Hawke, the Australian Prime Minister who expressed concern over the Sino-Vietnamese border clashes.

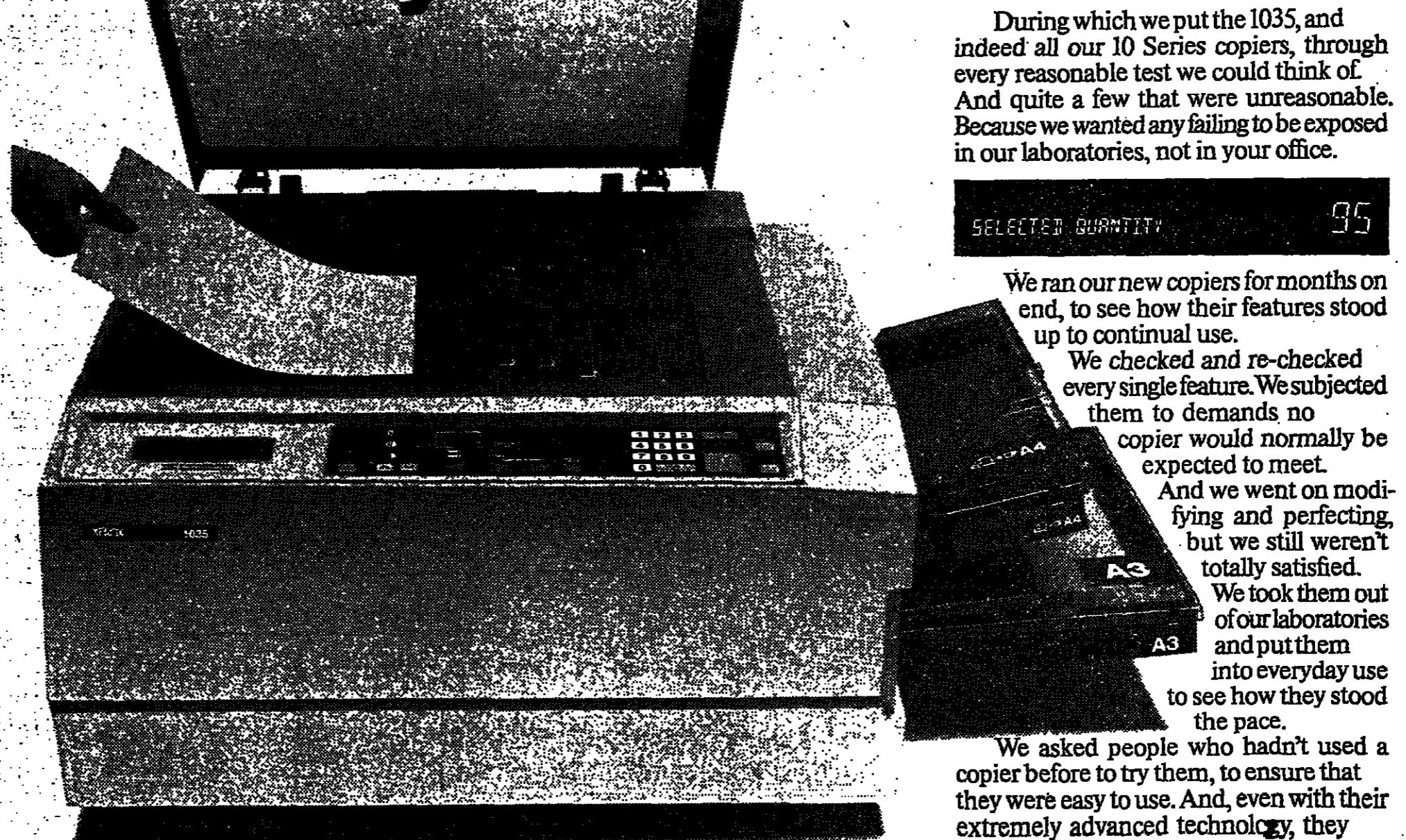
Mr Hawke called on both countries to exercise restraint, an Australian official said, adding that the talks were frank and open. A similar message would be conveyed to Hanoi.

Mr Zhao was expected to raise strong objection to Mr Hawke's plan to resume economic aid to Vietnam.

China's relations with the United States, badly strained by President Reagan's support for Taiwan, were also discussed at the talks. The Chinese leader was highly critical of US policy.

● HANOI: Seventeen people were killed or wounded by mortar shells as China pounded Vietnamese positions for the third successive day, officials said here yesterday, AFP reports. Election trial, page 7.

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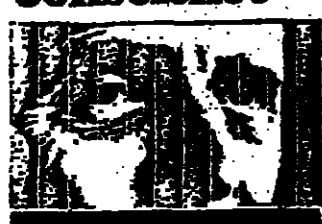
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Prisoners of conscience



China: Chen Lu

By Caroline Moorehead

Mr Chen Lu, a technician, aged 39, has been in detention since March 29, 1979, when he was arrested at his home in Peking.

It is believed he has not been tried, and it is not known where he is being held.

In the two years after the fall of the Gang of Four in October 1976, a number of unofficial groups were set up, publishing small journals calling for the need to respect human rights and emphasizing the importance of free debate in Chinese society. The international press called this an "emerging free movement".

In the main Chinese cities, posters blossomed on the walls and in Peking one in particular soon became known as the Democracy Wall, and was widely regarded as a forum for democratic reforms and human rights.

Mr Chen became a member of the Human Rights Alliance, one of the better-known unofficial groups. His home address was used openly as a letter-box for the Alliance.

Towards the middle of March, 1979, the official Chinese press started criticising people who were said to be going too far in their demands for democracy.

Mr Chen was only one of many to be arrested, but is now one of the few not to have been released.

Finns try to save talks on security

From Olli Kivinen Helsinki

The eight neutral and non-aligned participants in the Madrid follow-up meeting of the European Security Conference (CSC) have issued a last-minute appeal of all heads of government to save the process from a total collapse.

The appeal, initiated by President Korhonen of Finland, urges all participants to accept the draft final document put forward by the neutral and non-aligned countries when the Madrid talks are resumed today.

Finland officials briefing journalists on the appeal said that the 34 CSC participants are very near to a compromise, and all important policy matters have been settled. Only the political will to take the final step is missing.

The appeal points out that the Helsinki Final Act is European states and the United States and Canada, but it is now feared that the whole process is in danger if results cannot be achieved in the Madrid conference, which has dragged on for two and half years.

The appeal points out that the draft includes concrete steps in all areas covered by the Helsinki Final Act, including military confidence-building measures and human rights.

If no understanding is reached, it is feared that the whole CSC process will be endangered.

● MOSCOW: The Warsaw Pact military council, which plans activities of the communist alliance, will meet in Bucharest during the last 10 days of April, Tass announced.

The council, which has mainly organizational and administrative functions, met last in October 1981 in Budapest. Its members are the Soviet Union, Poland, East Germany, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and Romania.

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1967

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1976

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1978

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The gentle Gandhi forgotten in India

From Trevor Fishlock Delhi

Just after the premiere of Sir Richard Attenborough's film *Gandhi*, in Delhi, the Indian cartoonist R. L. Laxman published a drawing of two men emerging from a cinema where the film was showing.

One man is saying: "I understand it is based on a true life story." There are many Indians who welcome the Attenborough film as a reminder of Gandhi's actions and teachings because they feel that, to some extent, the Mahatma, engineer of India's independence, has been forgotten in his own land.

Many of the young, who have to study his life in school, see him as largely irrelevant in terms of their own ideas about India in the 1980s, a faded and somewhat cranky figure in history.

There are many in the middle classes, especially Westernized people who tend to view him as an eccentric, just as some of his contemporaries did. He was a difficult and infuriating man. Indian feelings about him are so complex and sensitive - a mixture of pride, guilt and embarrassment - that it would be very hard for any Indian to attempt what Sir Richard Attenborough did.

The film has been generally well received in India; but it remains a subject of controversy in the newspapers and in conversation and is the central talking point of the year. It has made many reflect on the work of a man they do not know well.

Gandhi's image and ideas are often invoked - he was, after all, the father of independent India - but he is something of a totem and there are few who sincerely believe his methods and philosophy have practical application today.

His image is everywhere. Politicians frequently refer to Gandhian principles of self-help, service and humility. A visit to the Mahatma's cremation site in Delhi is obligatory for every visiting foreign notable. Even when bandits surrender publicly to the authorities a picture of the Mahatma is on the surrender platform.

Many politicians wear clothing made of homespun cotton and wool, a tradition stemming from Gandhi's rejection of Western dress.

Gandhi's methods of protest remain popular. "Courtroom arrest", making a token breach of the law in order to be arrested, is a constantly employed device, and fasting, which has a particular Gandhian symbolism, is frequently used to apply pressure on the authorities.

Gandhi called the untouchables "Harijans", meaning God's Children, and the name has stuck. But treatment of them remains unpleasant and sometimes brutal. Their lot is very slowly improving, but attitudes to them remain largely entrenched. It was a part of the Indian granite that Gandhi barely chipped.

Gandhi is consigned to history in the Indian mind as an enigmatic and idiosyncratic man, a shrewd politician who saw how the British sense of justice could be exploited and knew, as they did, that the game was up in India.

His steely defiance of authority is remembered, but his gentler ideas are largely forgotten. He wanted the humble spinning wheel, which was his symbol, to be the device on India's national flag. But India chose the powerful wheel device of the Emperor Ashoka.



Private visitor: Mrs Thatcher receiving Mr Ranasinghe Premadasa, Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, at Downing Street yesterday.

Reprisals feared as Libyans go on trial

From Our Own Correspondent, Bonn

The trial opened here yesterday of two Libyans accused of torturing their fellow-countrymen in West Germany against a background of intensive efforts by Bonn to free eight Germans held in Libya as hostages.

Dr Mustapha Zaidi, aged 31, and a student, Abdullah Yahia, are accused of causing bodily harm, unlawful imprisonment and coercion. The prosecution maintains that on November 13 and 14 the two men tortured two students in the Libyan People's Bureau - the equivalent of an embassy - in Bonn, threatening them with forcible removal to Libya and death because of their contacts with Libyan opposition figures.

Dr Zaidi has been in custody since March 29 and Mr Yahia since April 5. Their trial opened amid strict security precautions, but was adjourned after a few hours as counsel for Mr Yahia demanded more time to discuss the matter with his client. Meanwhile Herr Jürgen Möllemann, the Deputy Foreign Minister, briefed Dr Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, and Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minister, on his talks in Libya with Major Abdul Salam Jalloud. Herr Möllemann flew there on Saturday to try to secure the release of eight German businessmen who have been detained on unspecified charges in clear reprisal for the arrest of the Libyans in West Germany. Some 3,000 Germans are working in Libya, where a big public campaign has opened against the Federal Republic in connexion with the trial in Bonn. There is clear concern here that if the two Libyans are found guilty, the Germans will be used as hostages in the same way as American diplomats were in Tehran.

Pope tells rich to give more to Third World

From Peter Nichols, Rome

The Pope bluntly told the 300 members of the Trilateral Commission in an audience at the Vatican yesterday that they all came from rich countries and therefore bore the responsibility for encouraging people to face up to their duty of international solidarity.

The commission was formed 10 years ago and includes among its members some leading figures in public life from the United States, Europe and Japan. It is holding its fourteenth conference here. The Pope reminded them that international solidarity not only involved relations between nations but all fields including governmental relations and those between multinational companies.

Their discussions were closely connected with man's future and so they would constantly find themselves facing the frontiers between technology and ethics.

Challenge to reformers

Police let rioters run amok

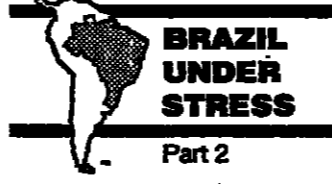
In his concluding article on the recent riots in Brazil, Patrick Knight, our São Paulo correspondent, looks at the various pressure groups which took advantage of what began as a demonstration by groups of unemployed.

The governor of one of the three main states captured by the opposition parties in the November election should come under serious challenge was widely expected in Brazil. But few expected that such a challenge would come less than three weeks after the governors had been installed, and before they had had time to make any impression on the economic and social problems they inherited.

The three governors have blamed anti-democratic forces for the disturbances, and President João Figueiredo has said that those responsible were trying to sabotage the country's progress towards democracy.

The protests started with a legitimate, if unwisely timed, demonstration by groups of unemployed. They were encouraged to go further than they might otherwise have done by leaders of the extreme left, either inside or outside the PMDB party, which now controls São Paulo.

That gave a heaven-sent opportunity to extremists on the right to convert what began with the sacking of supermarkets into widespread looting and smashing of shops in the city centre. Some of the huge mass of unemployed and semi-unemployed, who spend most



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of the time wandering around the city centre, including Governor Franco Montoro said that he wanted to talk with the protesters before behaving like previous governors and breaking heads. But there is also evidence that the police deliberately held back until the riots became so serious that they could not easily be controlled. When Brazil's three most important states, São Paulo, Minas Gerais and Rio de Janeiro, passed into the hands of the opposition, the central Government removed control of the political and social police from the governors.

There are many groups with an interest in proving that a middle-of-the-road administration promised for the three states do not prosper.

Identified by the police as playing a part were pressure groups from the left, including members of one of Brazil's two active supporters of Senator Montoro's PMDB party, which the expert reason that they have space to operate and consolidate themselves under such an administration.

Some of these groups were apparently behaving in good faith, although with considerable naivety, in trying to put pressure on the incoming

regime to do something urgently about the growing unemployment problem. Senator Leonel Brizola in Rio de Janeiro, where a few food shops were also looted, has so far proved considerably more adept at retaining the initiative than the São Paulo governor. Because his electoral victory was so unexpected, and achieved without any extremist support, he has fewer debts to pay. Senator Brizola has blamed the right-wing groups responsible for a bomb which exploded in the hands of a secret service officer who was about to plant it at a concert hall in Rio de Janeiro two years ago, and those who tried to manipulate the Rio de Janeiro election result in favour of the Government party. Even the police are not blaming the left exclusively, nor are the ministers from the armed forces.

It is not surprising that, after 19 years of military rule, in which an officer class has consolidated itself in positions of bureaucratic power, and the police have become very powerful, that there should be groups anxious to destabilize the opposition wherever it manages to make some gains. The question of the succession to President Figueiredo also played a part. Former employees of the previous São Paulo administration were identified amongst the rioters. The state's previous governor, Senator Paulo Maluf, is a strong presidential contender.

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Bonn anger over death at border

From Michael Binyon Bonn

Herr Heinrich Windelen, the Minister for Relations with East Germany, has demanded an official explanation from East Berlin of how a West German traveller died on April 10 during questioning in East Germany by border guards.

The body of Herr Rudolf Burkert, a 45-year-old publisher, was sent back to West Germany in a sealed coffin with the explanation that he had died of a heart attack. West German Doctors, however, found numerous bruises on the body, cuts on the head and one eyelid, and a broken windpipe. These have led to suggestions that the man was severely beaten.

Herr Windelen asked for an explanation the next day without success, and the matter is to be taken up at the mixed border commission on Thursday. He has expressed fears that the details of what happened may never be known.

The incident has aroused considerable anger here, and comes at a time when an East German official has arrived to attend the Hanover Fair. Yesterday he was in Bonn for talks with government and opposition leaders in preparation for a possible visit by Herr Erich Honecker, the East German leader.

Herr Günter Mittag, an economics expert in the East German Politburo, yesterday met Christian Democratic and liberal members of Parliament, as well as Herr Hans-Jochen Vogel, the Social Democratic leader, who expressed deep concern over the border incident.

Herr Mittag was also due to hold talks with Dr Helmut Kohl, but late yesterday it was still not clear whether the Chancellor would receive him in view of the affair.

The dead man, a former boxer, crossed into East Germany with his wife to drive to a boxer's reunion in West Berlin. Some 50 miles inside the frontier he met the husband of a cousin at a motorway rest-stop and gave him a box of sweets as a gift from the Hamburg sports union.

At the East German border crossing into West Berlin, Herr Burkert was ordered out of his car and into a room for questioning. Two hours later a woman doctor went to his wife and told her he had died.

Accused absent at Seveso trial

Monza (Reuters) - A lawyer yesterday described as a disgrace the absence of five senior company officials charged with responsibility for the 1976 Seveso pollution disaster when their trial opened here in Italy.

Four hours after the trial began, the judge granted an adjournment until May 11 at the request of lawyers for both the north Italian town of Seveso and the Swiss owners of the chemical plant in which an explosion caused the calamity.

Lawyers for the five defendants said their clients had chosen to exercise their right not to attend.

The blast contained about 4,500 acres with highly toxic dioxin, necessitating mass evacuation, killing animals and causing an outbreak of the skin rash chloracne.

About 200 people including the Mayor of Seveso told the court they were seeking compensation.

A lawyer representing former workers at the factory told reporters its owners, Givandani, a subsidiary of the Swiss multinational chemicals company Hoffman-La Roche, asked for the delay to examine their demands, while lawyers for Seveso commune wanted time to negotiate with Givandani for a financial settlement.

A lawyer representing 23 children whom he described as still suffering from chloracne as a result of the pollution said: "It is a disgrace that the accused are not here".

The accused are charged with responsibility for disaster, failure to provide adequate safety measures, and causing injury.

They are Guy Wagnon, the former Seveso chairman, Herbert von Zwehl, the managing director, Giovanni Radice, the technical director, Fritz Moeri the plant designer and Jörg-Anton Sambeth, the technical director.

Left-wing guerrillas killed a sixth defendant, Paolo Paoletti, the production manager.

Several West European Governments have been demanding to know where the dioxin waste from Seveso has been dumped since 41 containers of the waste were removed from Italy by lorry last September and their whereabouts became a mystery.

Givandani has paid 103,000 lire (\$45m) to the Lombardy region, and separate sums to about 25,000 individuals and the nearby communes of Meda, Cesano Maderno and Desio; but has not reached a settlement with Seveso.

Of the defendants, only Signor Radice is Italian. Mr Wagnon and Mr Moeri are Swiss. Herr von Zwehl and Herr Sambeth are West German.

In Paris yesterday, police reported an attempted bomb attack on an office belonging to Hoffman-La Roche. They said the bomb, which was defused, was probably linked to the controversial disappearance of 41 containers of toxic waste from Seveso.

Swedish protest startles UN leader

From Christopher Mosey Stockholm

Peace activists attempted to disrupt a state visit to Sweden yesterday by Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations Secretary-General, using the occasion to draw attention to their country's arms exports to the Third World.

Demonstrators placed a barricade of cardboard boxes across the doorway of the main government administration building as the Secretary-General was about to enter, accompanied by Mr Olof Palme, the Prime Minister, for a press conference. Each box was labelled with the name of a country receiving Swedish arms.

A security man kicked the boxes away and a startled Señor Pérez de Cuéllar was only slightly delayed.

The activists distributed leaflets calling for an end of arms exports to Indonesia and claimed the Swedish weapons had been used to help kill a third of the 700,000 inhabitants of East Timor, which Indonesia had occupied in defiance of a UN resolution.

Tanzania wants a year to clear up corruption

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

Tanzania intends to follow up its recent countrywide campaign against corruption and black marketing, which has now produced about 500 arrests, with a new law requiring all Tanzanians to have "gainful occupations".

Mr Edward Sokoine, the Prime Minister, announced this at a rally attended by 50,000 people in Dodoma, central Tanzania, when he asked the nation to give him a year to clear up "bad elements" in the Government and restore the country's self-respect.

The campaign against black marketers, smugglers and hoarders has been producing shortages of many items which for long have been obtainable only on the free - or black - market.

Many readers have closed their shops, fearing that they will be accused of hoarding or other malpractices. But they have now been ordered to reopen them by today or lose their trading licences.

The Prime Minister's Office has now ordered local officials not to round up people who are found with small quantities of scarce items, some people had been arrested for having two tubes of toothpaste in their houses.

Many Asian traders are among those arrested, along with local officials who are alleged to have failed to take action against hoarders.

Some policemen and soldiers have been arrested for demanding bribes from traders.

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FASHION by Suzy Menkes



Starring in the rain

LADIES AND GENTLEMAN.

I am proud and honoured to receive this Oscar from you tonight. It is the first time in 54 years of the Academy Awards that a Raincoat has been singled out by the Motion Picture Industry - even though it has featured heavily in the history of Hollywood. I think especially of those very wonderful performers Greta Garbo and Humphrey Bogart, both sadly no longer with us. I salute the style of that great lady Lauren Bacall. I should also like to honour the memory

of the legendary Marlene Dietrich in her man's trench coat and to remind you all of that successful long-running cinematic series *Sex Appeal in the Rain*, starring Sophia Loren getting wet. A raincoat is only as good as its producers, and I share the glory of this Oscar with Aquascutum and Burberry who have given me so much support over the years. I was especially pleased to see the award for Best Colour Range go

to Aquascutum for its newly refurbished mackintosh department in Regent Street.

To my distributors, I also express my gratitude, especially to Harrods, who have included so many different styles, to Simpsons for elegance and variety, to Harvey Nichols for designer collections, and to Fenwick who do so much at popular prices for young people.

Finally, I should like to thank the one thing that has

made this award possible. The raincoat, as you know, is a British success story. And we in Britain have something back home that you in Los Angeles saw for the first time during the visit of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II last month.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I accept this Oscar on behalf of the British Rain, that has fallen continuously on my country for the past month, thus ensuring me a long successful run.



BEST ALL ROUND PERFORMER: The Classic Trench (right), starring Marlene Dietrich, Greta Garbo, Humphrey Bogart, Marilyn Monroe, Jeanne Moreau and the entire population of Japan. Produced in lightweight lined cotton, tan only, sizes 36-44in, £185 from 92 Department at Aquascutum, 100 Regent Street, London, W1. Felt hat by Bermona. Sheer tights from Elbeo. Silletto court shoes from Freemans Mail Order.

NOMINATIONS: Classic Burberry with distinctive check lining at £175. Marks & Spencer's double breasted raincoat with small check lining, in stone and light brown, £45. Dammac's trench from Fenwick, £57. Big nylon foldaway trench coat £18.99 from F&P, 125 Long Acre, Covent Garden, WC2.



BEST SUPPORTING ROLE: Black Cire (above), starring Lauren Bacall and Juliette Greco, shot mainly on location on the Left Bank in Paris, with brief flashes of shiny PVC in the 1960s. Produced in rubberized cotton in black only, four basic styles, single and double breasted, sizes to order £65 from Weather Vain, 283 Sandycroft Road, Kew, Surrey. Parsipex and leather waist-cincher £22.95 by Nancy Fisher from Stirling Cooper. White circular skirt £24.99 by Strawberry Studio. White sweetheart sweater £28.95 from Fenwick.

NOMINATIONS: Original 1960s PVC from Camden Lock and Kensington Market. Sweet Charity's black plastic mini mac £19.50 from First Floor, Kensington Market, High Street, Kensington, W8, p & p £2.00. Stirling Cooper's shiny grey three-quarter mac £38.99 from 94 New Bond Street. Miletts' range of plastic and rubberized macs and jackets from £2.99.



BEST SEX APPEAL: The White Raincoat (far right), starring Sophia Loren, Gina Lollobrigida, all cinema journalists and Walls Cornetto salesman. A sultry tale of passion in Italy in the 1950s, recently reissued. Produced by Michael Mortell with eyeliner trim and showerproof leather collar £139 from Weathercoats department at Harrods, also in khaki and brown. Animal paw-print top £3.95 from Pacific, New Bond Street. Headscarf £2.95 from Fenwick. Gloves by Dent-Fowles.

NOMINATIONS: Feminella at Fenwick, £59 with stand or turn-down collar. Anne Marie Beretta's white plastic and long cape for Remsport, £127 from Harvey Nichols. Film-Fire's clean and simple styling from a wide range at Selfridges, Oxford Street.



PHOTOGRAPHSNICK BRIGGS
MAKE-UPStars' visages created by CLIFFORD BRAKE for REVLON using their Pink in the Afternoon range
HAIRCLIFFORD BRAKE for MICHAELJOHN
FASHION ASSISTANTCHRISTINE PAINELL

FASHION EDITOR'S COMMENT

Are the TV companies pulling the woolies over our eyes? The only radical change that I can see over my children's shoulders in the morning, is that Nick Owen's business suit. Any other alterations to morning television are purely cosmetic. The fuss over Selma's poached egg eyes, Frank Bough's ruffled jumpers and Angela's headmistress hairstyle has been greeted by the Famous Five as signs of trivial media reaction and poor taste. I do not disagree so lightly the fact that the biggest star of breakfast television has been the sweater. For who still believes that what you wear is not an important signal (for both sexes) of who you are, what group you identify with or which image you are aiming for? The fashion catchphrase of the last decade has been that "anything goes", and it is true that the sartorial standards which equated clothes with status have been unspiced. But dress is still an identifiable badge of class, career, age, or even regional groupings, and in the current fashion anarchy, the desire to identify is stronger than ever. The cult of Preppy clothes in America and the Sloane Ranger

affectation of green wellies and heekies are used as secret weapons in a guerrilla war of class, in which the rules are changed as soon as the masses discover what the elite are wearing. In Germany, the political fight between the Greens and the Christian Democrats is being acted out in costumes so corny they look like a caricature: long hair, beards and blue denim against sober suits, collars and ties. The Greenham Common women dress in a parody of protest style, although my anti-fashion sisters will not thank me for pointing to the wellies and clogs, the leg warmers and hand knits, the badge-decorated dungarees and the ubiquitous woolly hat. (It has become such a potent peace symbol that the local residents refuse to wear it lest they should be identified with the invaders.) There was an earlier peace style of duffels and corduroys, as worn by readers of the *New Statesman* and still worn by old statesmen like Michael Foot. The fashion exhibition at the Brighton Museum actually has the CND uniform of dark duffel coat and badge on display. Now fashion has become so fragmented that whatever your

cause you dress for it. Earth mothers and middle aged hippies still cling to floral prints and ethnic accessories (kellin shoulder bags, straw baskets, long woolly scarves and shawls). The unemployed are drawn to the smart suit, dad's badge of office life. The uniformed classes wear their authority off-duty with knife creases down their terylene slacks. Army wives identify in elbow-patched sweaters, a pastiche of the paras. In this kaleidoscope of style, these is the know recognize it when they see it. (Thus the Camden Palace follows the tradition of all fashionable nightspots by insisting on a certain standard of dress, although they are smart enough to make their own valuation and not get hoist by a collar and tie.) The only obvious mainstream movement of the last decade, has been away from formal clothes and towards sportswear (although I believe that this will now begin to go in reverse). Given that casual wear is now king, it was very unwise of TV-am to think that presenting a smart face to the waking world would endear them to the viewing public. So on with the sweaters - and on with the show.



Hepworths: after Next for women, a First for men

Can Terence Conran do a Next on Hepworths itself? The Next fashion chain sprung fully clothed - under the design inspiration of Conran - from the remains of 78 Kendalls stores 18 months ago when they were bought by Hepworths. Now Next has a £40m turnover, more than 100 branches and an image of dynamism in coordinating women's wear. The staid Hepworths men's stores took up the challenge last week with a show that had everything from a camped-up film producer to a rag week student wearing nothing but a college scarf. (He was soon dressed from stock.) More important, Hepworths in Regent Street, along with 150 of the 283 high street stores, has had a face-lift. A video film of a week in the life of a team of British workmen, showed us how a shop can be re-fitted at high speed with elegant grey-felt walls decorated with burgundy carriage lines (just coincidentally the Conran-designed colour scheme at Next).

Blotson jacket £24.99. Sweater and shorts both £9.99 from Hepworths. Photograph by HARRY KERR.

Terence Conran himself, wearing a pink tie and an enigmatic smile, told me that Next was the model for the new Hepworths, although things tend to move at a slower pace in the menswear business. "The Hepworths image has been honest, solid and traditional," says Bob Russell, managing director of Hepworths (Retail) Ltd. "We have been more than a year planning its re-birth and taking a fresh look at men's clothes." The new shops, says Mr Russell, are designed in colour scheme and lay-out to appeal to the female shopper and the coordination of the clothes is also aimed at the sharper fashion eye of wives and girlfriends. "We don't underestimate the importance of the woman who visits the store during the week and comes back at the weekend bringing her man." Mr Russell speaks reverently of the "soft statement" wall panels showing coordinated outfits, with rails of clothes aimed at the 24 to 45 age group (the original target of Next, although their customers now tend to be younger).

The real change of image for Hepworths lies in the clothes, which are still fairly middle-of-the-road in style and colour but now concentrate more strongly on sportswear, with casual shirts, blouses and unstructured jackets edging out the formal suits. Hepworths have been known for over a century for their suits. Now 50 per cent of the merchandise is in casual wear with every accessory from underpants to umbrellas on sale, alongside the more formal coats and raincoats. But the real news, which is sending a frisson of fear through the rest of menswear retailing, is that Hepworths have launched a new own label brand of casual wear called First. Whatever Next?

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SPECTRUM

Early in 1940, under threat of invasion, Churchill turned his thoughts to three strategically vital Irish ports which had been ceded to Dublin only two years earlier. In an extract from his new book, Robert Fisk reveals Churchill's offer of a united Ireland, and how it was rejected

Getting the Irish out of neutral

In the emotional shock of June 1940, Winston Churchill tried to withstand the effects of the European debacle with visions of defiance and generosity. When France was collapsing under the German advance, he searched for some epic device with which to rally his broken ally; and on June 16, he offered France common citizenship with Britain, urging the French government to proclaim the "indissoluble union" of the two countries. British and French would become citizens of the same nation, protected by a joint defence organization.

It was an audacious gesture, the ramifications of which were scarcely considered by the French, who, in any case, promptly turned it down. But it illustrated the extravagant way in which Churchill's mind was moving at that traumatic period. It was quite in keeping that he should, on June 21, dispatch Malcolm MacDonald to Ireland to seek a new ally with offers which also transcended the bonds of national loyalty.

MacDonald was Minister of Health in Churchill's coalition government but he was also the minister who, with Chamberlain, had been most closely involved in handing back the Royal Navy's Irish treaty ports shortly before the Second World War. Now, with the German Army on the Channel coast, he was being sent back to Ireland to persuade Eire's Prime Minister, Eamon de Valera, to lend the Irish ports back to the Navy. In return he was to make a tentative offer of Irish unity.

It was to be the beginning of an historic dialogue between the British and Irish Governments that held out, in however fragile a form, the possibility of a final British withdrawal from Ireland after hundreds of years of repression and settlement. Had these discussions reached fruition, the history of Britain and Ireland in the second half of the twentieth century would have been changed irrevocably. MacDonald met de Valera in his sparsely-furnished Dublin office and every word of MacDonald's initial and subsequent suggestions for the unity of Ireland - of such dark significance today - was underlined in his typewritten official report to the War Cabinet. His first alternative was:

"That there should be a declaration of a United Ireland in principle; the constitutional and other practical details of the Union to be worked out in due course; Ulster to remain a belligerent, Eire to remain neutral at any rate for the time being; if both parties desired it, a Joint Defence Council to be set up at once; at the same time, in order to secure Eire's neutrality against violation by Germany, British Naval ships to be allowed into Eire ports, British troops and aeroplanes to be stationed at certain agreed points in the territory, the British Government to provide additional equipment for Eire's forces, and the Eire Government to take effective action against the Fifth Column."

De Valera rejected the suggestion. His people, he said, would regard the admission of British forces before a German invasion as an abandonment of strict neutrality, and national unity in the face of the German threat would be broken. There would be "unfortunate skirmishes" between the Irish and the British. De Valera then proposed: "That Eire should be merged in a United Ireland which should at once become neutral; its neutrality to be guaranteed by Great Britain and the United States of America; since Britain was a belligerent, its Military and Naval forces should not take any active part in guaranteeing that neutrality, but American ships should come into the Irish ports, and perhaps American troops into Ireland, to effect this guarantee."

De Valera thought that some of his colleagues might be critical of this proposal - the possibility that American ships and troops could protect Ireland's neutrality was his own idea - but that the only way in which mutual difficulties could be overcome would be to establish a neutral United Ireland. MacDonald thought this "entirely impracticable". There was, he said, no prospect that the people of Ulster would agree to desert Great Britain at the moment when her situation was more perilous than it had been for a century. The majority of the people in Northern Ireland would feel "deeply incensed" and the new state would be launched in the worst possible circumstances. Britain could not now contemplate a neutral Ulster: vital war production was being carried on there. MacDonald then threw out one more suggestion:

"That there should be a declaration of a United Ireland in principle, the practical details of the union to be worked out in due course; this United Ireland to become at once a belligerent on the side of the Allies."

De Valera now seemed more interested. MacDonald wrote in his report to London that "he answered that if there were not only a declaration of a United Ireland in principle, but

with a formal plan for the unification of Ireland and the entry of Eire into the war on the Allied side. It was the first substantive offer of a United Ireland to be sent to de Valera, and the British Government promised that it would "at once seek to obtain the assent... of the Government of Northern Ireland" if the plan was acceptable to the Irish Cabinet. There were six clauses:

1. A declaration to be issued by the United Kingdom Government forthwith accepting the principle of a United Ireland.

2. A joint body including representatives of the Government of Eire and the Government of Northern Ireland to be set up at once to work out the constitutional and other details of the Union of Ireland. The United Kingdom Government to give such assistance towards the work of this body as might be desired.

3. A Joint Defence Council represent-

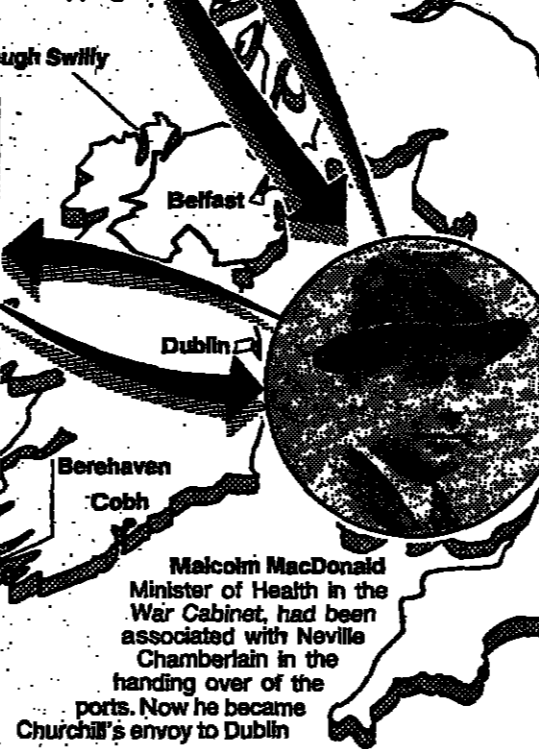
Lord Craigavon the Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, told the Stormont: "We are closing the gates, as our ancestors did at Derry"



The Treaty ports, handed back to the Eire Government in 1938 after prolonged negotiations, were seen as vital locations for anti-submarine units in the protection of British shipping



Eamon de Valera the Taoiseach of Eire, was in favour of the unification plan so long as the United Ireland would immediately declare its neutrality



Winston Churchill had always resisted the release of the Treaty ports. On becoming Prime Minister in May, 1940, he immediately opened negotiations with de Valera

Malcolm MacDonald Minister of Health in the War Cabinet, had been associated with Neville Chamberlain in the handing over of the ports. Now he became Churchill's envoy to Dublin

- May 29 British evacuation of Dunkirk
June 3 Admiralty Invasion Warning Sub-Committee hears rumours of German plans to invade Ireland
June 12 Chamberlain invites de Valera and Craigavon to a meeting in London
June 14 Both refuse
June 17 MacDonald visits Dublin to discuss Irish neutrality with de Valera
June 21 MacDonald returns to Dublin with an informal suggestion of Irish union
June 25 War Cabinet discusses de Valera's rejection

- June 26 MacDonald returns to de Valera with a formal offer in six clauses; Chamberlain informs Craigavon of the negotiations
June 27 MacDonald meets Irish Cabinet; Craigavon sends cypher telegram accusing Chamberlain of treachery
June 28 Chamberlain writes to de Valera incorporating revised proposals
June 29 Craigavon cables suggestion of immediate naval occupation of Eire ports and accuses de Valera of blackmail
July 5 De Valera sends envoy to London with formal rejection

the strength of his 'Fifth Column'. My friend suggested that if he would declare himself as willing to come in with Britain, I would be glad to meet him anywhere at any time to talk over mutual civil defence provided no 'constitutional' questions were touched upon. Mr de Valera's answer was: "Quite impossible."

Craigavon did not name his informant, and would reveal only that he was an "absolutely reliable source". It was a sad attempt to counterbalance the reports which Craigavon must have known MacDonald was sending back to Chamberlain from Dublin, and the letter - with its false desire to be of assistance and its gloss of truth about de Valera - received no reply.

Nothing, however, could have equalled the sense of betrayal that Craigavon felt when he received details from Chamberlain of the Dublin negotiations. He fired back a cypher telegram to London, a proud, impetuous, explosive message of a kind that no Northern Ireland minister had ever before sent to the Imperial Government:

"Am profoundly shocked and disgusted by your letter making suggestions so far reaching behind my back and without any pre-consultation with me. To such treachery to loyal Ulster I will never be a party."

Churchill's War Cabinet, however, had moved forward in their professed commitments to Irish unity. The declaration accepting the principle of a United Ireland was now strengthened by an additional clause specifying that "this declaration would take the form of a solemn undertaking that the Union is to become at an early date an accomplished fact from which there shall be no turning back."

For Britain, the surrender of Northern Ireland to Eire might be a necessary sacrifice to secure her own safety - to reinvest for a few years that 500-mile semi-circle of Naval defence - and it was one which the British Government could propose in all seriousness in the summer of 1940. If Northern Ireland was a "loyal province" to Churchill, it could appear to other British ministers as a 19-year-old anachronism whose people would not "refuse to play their part" in the unity of Ireland if this was in Britain's best interest.

In Northern Ireland itself, such considerations were unacceptable. Protestants who professed loyalty to the United Kingdom were in no mind to demonstrate their faithfulness by dismantling their Government. Craigavon's ministers had directed their energies towards the survival of their province; to seek its demise with the help of another nation was, therefore, not just an act of infidelity on Britain's part, but of "treachery" as well.

It must have been almost a relief for Chamberlain when, on July 5, he received de Valera's curt and formal rejection of Britain's offer of Irish unity. The amended proposals for the Union of Ireland had been considered by the Irish Government, wrote de Valera, but:

"The plan would commit us definitely to an immediate abandonment of our neutrality. On the other hand, it gives no guarantee that in the end we would have a United Ireland, unless indeed concessions were made to Lord Craigavon opposed to the sentiments and aspirations of the great majority of the Irish people. Our present constitution represents the limit to which we believe our people are prepared to go to meet the sentiments of the Northern Unionists, but, on the plan proposed, Lord Craigavon and his colleagues could at any stage render the whole project nugatory and prevent the desired unification by demanding concessions to which the majority of the people could not agree."

The occasion was never to occur again. Within six months, both Craigavon and Chamberlain would be dead. MacDonald, thinking that "perhaps Churchill wanted to get rid of me", was dispatched to Canada High Commissioner. Henceforth, Churchill and de Valera would face each other without intermediaries. The border - the scar of partition for those who denied its legality - would remain, and the world war would now give it a new and enduring permanence that would permit it, 30 years later, to burst upon Craigavon's descendants with a virulence of which neither Churchill nor de Valera could ever have conceived.

Tomorrow: How Hitler planned Operation Green, the invasion of Ireland

Nothing could have equalled the sense of betrayal Craigavon felt... he fired back a proud, explosive message

MacDonald tried a personal approach: "I said that I would like to speak for a few moments not as a representative of the United Kingdom Government, but as a private individual whose sympathies were on the side of the establishment of a United Ireland, and who at the same time knew British politics and the British Parliament pretty well. The present was the best opportunity that had yet offered itself of a union of the whole of Ireland being achieved. Such an opportunity might never return. If the North and the South could be united on the basis of their being joined together in the prosecution of a war in defence of the freedom of the whole of Ireland against the Nazi attack, then that union would not be broken afterwards."

MacDonald believed that "the best chance of Ireland eventually becoming united would be if the 26 Counties came fully into the war. Both parts of Ireland would then be fighting side by side; their union would be sealed by comradeship in arms. It would be very difficult to bring that unity to a sudden end at the close of the war. I knew the temper of my generation in British politics. We should not give any encouragement after the war to the revival of old, barren controversies."

Equally, however, if those who had spoken so much about liberty shrank from liberty's defence in its supreme hour of danger while Ulster fought fully for that defence, "then the differences between the 26 and the Six Counties would certainly be aggravated and enlarged, and we politicians at Westminster who had gone through the fight would never agree to handing Ulster over to Eire against the former's will."

In a secret telegram next day, MacDonald urged the British Prime Minister to reinforce Britain's offer of a United Ireland "by insertion of words which would give specific assurance on this point." When Churchill read MacDonald's telegram, he wrote in the margin next to this line: "But all contingent upon Ulster agreeing and S Ireland coming into the war."

Craigavon, at this time, had not heard from Chamberlain for more than a week, and was clearly suspicious of the British Government's silence. On June 26, the day MacDonald returned again to Dublin, he wrote a nervous letter to Chamberlain to tell him about a conversation "a friend" had held the previous day with de Valera. According to Craigavon, de Valera told his anonymous confidant that "it would be impossible for him to abrogate the position of neutrality on account of

Galtieri writes: Britain's mistake in Gibraltar

As you must know by now, General Leopoldo Galtieri, who appears regularly in this column as our guest problem adviser, has been punished for writing for Moreover by a sentence of detention meted out to him by the military authorities in Argentina. We salute his courage. Here is a man who is prepared to stand up for his beliefs as readily as Lech Walesa or Mahatma Gandhi.

General, what's it like in prison? And how does it feel to be one of the "forgotten"? Bit of an irony, isn't it? - D. F. of Camden.

General Galtieri writes: My friend, I too can see the humorous side of things. One day the head of my country, the next in prison. Usually it is the other way round. But I have no complaints. My warders treat me well - I am after all superior to them all in rank and they jump to it when I give an order. I am allowed to receive visitors, go for horse rides, play a little golf - it is not so bad being in prison. And above all I am getting time to write my book.

MOREOVER Miles Kingdon

no doubt he will end up in prison there as well, and then accuse Mr Begin of being anti-Semitic. Mark you, his being in prison must have helped his sales, and who knows, perhaps it will help me too. I will soon be bringing out my Moreover Book of Advice, and then - the Nobel Prize? Let us see.

General Galtieri writes: Yes, Shergar has been safe and well in Argentina for several weeks; and is much enjoying the introduction to polo. We have, of course, written to your Foreign Office suggesting the exchange of Shergar with the Malvinas, but the Argentine Post Office is not what it was. Leave it another couple of weeks.

General Galtieri writes: Thank you for the warning, but I think I have the respect of the inmates here. After all, Sutcliffe only killed a dozen people; I killed over a thousand.

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 41)

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

THE TIMES DIARY

Joining forces

Alan Lee Williams, director-general of the English-Speaking Union, is to take leave when the general election comes to work as chief of cabinet for Dr David Owen...

Out of favour

Some indication of the state of preparedness for a general election at the various party headquarters may be drawn from John Brennan's experience trying to get party rosettes to illustrate the cover of his forthcoming book...

Wendy Perrott writes from Katmandu to tell me that the Mount Annapurna Hotel in Pokhara, west Nepal, advertises itself as 'The Last Reason for Travellers'.

Promissory note

When Sir Peter Wakefield retired last year as British Ambassador to Belgium he asked for a concert featuring Barry Tuckwell as his farewell present...

Watch your step

At an earnest meeting yesterday to discuss the problems of step-parents, someone asked whether there was any recommended reading on the subject...

BARRY FANTONI



'Nigel had hoped to sponsor TV-am, but apparently it's not a registered charity'

Community spirit

Further to my competition, announced yesterday, for a more imaginative design for the European flag, I notice that British members of the European Parliament...

Raising a storm

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution has hoisted distress signals about my note on Saturday, which had it coming to a full-blown lifeboatmen's option of retirement at 90...

What is known as 'the Buzzy effect' is going to make life more and more difficult for telephone owners...

PHS warble as part of their repertoire of song. It started with starlings, but has now spread to song thrushes and blackbirds...

Lead: put the ban in top gear

by Des Wilson

The Government decision to accept the advice of the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution that lead should be phased out of petrol is very welcome.

The first is that people place a much higher priority on environmental protection than the authorities and industry realize.

The second lesson is that there are limits to the role of scientific research in policy making. It has become clear that the advice given early in 1981 by Whitehall's own Chief Medical Officer...

The public have now demonstrated that they expect decisions to be taken on the basis of prudence, and where the evidence of risk is substantial...

That said, I do not believe the issue of lead-in-petrol is completely resolved.

petrol should be available by 1990 at the latest. This really will not do. Either the Royal Commission's call for 'a substantially greater safety margin for the population as a whole' is justified...

We do not want to see the petroleum or car manufacturing industry harmed any more than is necessary to make their products pollution-free.

Already, their view of the costs and problems involved contrasts sharply with that of the Royal Commission.

The author is chairman of Clear and of Friends of the Earth.

and fuel economy. On a national basis it is highly improbable that removing lead would be reflected in any higher absolute expenditure...

The Royal Commission recommends that ministers should call in the car manufacturing and oil industries to establish a timetable.

Third, while I accept that it makes sense to seek a Europe-wide initiative on this issue, and ministers should seek urgently to persuade our European partners to act together...

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The Tate's collection of Turners will come a step closer to a home of its own today when the Queen Mother unveils the foundation stone of the Clore Gallery.



James Stirling and a model of his Tate Gallery extension

The man behind the Tate's new work of art

James Stirling is an architect whose work provokes such paroxysms of fury among such a range of critics that he must undoubtedly be getting at least something right.

It was Stirling who designed the remarkable Cambridge University history library, in the eyes of right-wing Spectator readers...

From the opposite end of the political spectrum, the monumentalism of Stirling's recent work has stirred some defenders of orthodox modernism to accuse him of 'fascism'.

It has taken all of Stirling's highly developed sense of irony to survive. What other serious, 57-year-old professional would have the nerve to allow himself to be photographed for

the cover of a colour supplement building a sandcastle, kitted out with bucket, spade and knotted handkerchief?

He began with a couple of essays in Brutalism, dabbled with system building, tried high tech, and is now ransacking history for inspiration.

Today the Queen Mother unveils the foundation stone of the new Clore Gallery, being built to Stirling's design to house the Tate's Turner collection.

Despite Stirling's enormous reputation overseas, measured by many commissions in West Germany.

Italy and America, he has built nothing at all at home since 1976. It is as if Graham Greene had been writing exclusively in Spanish for the past 10 years.

Especially so when Stirling's design is viewed against the dismal stone box that houses the Tate's previous extension.

The whole building is difficult, not to say prickly and cussed, not unlike Stirling himself.

declaration of faith in a future Labour government.

New Deal or no deal? London heavies leave the Scots on the rocks

The heavy mob has been much to the fore in this sleepy burgh - scene of this year's Scottish TUC. Mr David Bassett, chairman of the TUC economic committee...

Less than a month ago, the party leader Mr Michael Foot, and Mr Len Murray, the TUC general secretary, proudly announced a new joint accord, Partners in Rebuilding Britain.

The 'New Deal' is intended as a comprehensive economic strategy but on the ticklish issue of pay it is an incomes policy in everything but name.

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national economic assessment 'with this or any other government'.

With logic apparently on its side, this unusual alliance of bovine boys from the pits and white-collar government executives argued that if the national economic assessment was not about wage restraint...

This is confidently expected to be the case when support for Partners in Rebuilding Britain is debated today and incomes policy tomorrow.

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But all the frenetic conference activity has relegated to second place what is perhaps an even more important question: 'Will the new deal actually win votes?'

No serious consideration appears to have been given to the evident electoral unpopularity of an incomes election unpopularity of an incomes election unpopularity of an incomes election.

PHS The union moguls who came to restore order at Rothays privately admit that they have an uphill struggle to persuade their own members...

PHS But it is argued that a Foot-Healey cabinet would be compelled to take immediate decisions on pensions, unemployment benefit, and the pay of the armed forces, police and Civil Services.

PHS The armies of the subject states are in a sense slave armies, and their governments puppet governments.

Geoffrey Smith

The fudge holding Labour together

There has been a new mood in the Labour Party since Bermondsey. It has been brought together by a common fear of displaying the disunity which remains as deep as ever beneath the surface.

There they were shoulder to shoulder at Darlington: Mr Foot, Mr Healey, even Mr Callaghan. Mr O'Brien won the by-election by presenting the less contentious face of Labour.

Mr Benn has been quiet. Mr Scargill has seemed less menacing since the failure of the NUM strike over the Tyneside-Lewis Merthyr mine.

So, partly by accident and partly by design, Labour is offering a less threatening face to the public.

When such questions have been put in the past, they have usually related to the conduct of the left. Now they relate principally to the conduct of the right.

The right faces a double dilemma because it does not believe that it has either the leader or the policies best calculated to win the election.

PHS The trouble with that is that it would require the party to fight the election with undertakings on a major issue that were contrary both to the convictions of a number of senior Labour figures and to the majority of public opinion.

Roger Scruton

Our allies in the Warsaw Pact

A Times leader on March 30 pointed out that the 'Brezhnev doctrine' was invoked to justify the invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968.

PHS The nature of the Warsaw Pact is such, therefore, as to expose Western Europe to the risk of a rapid and irreversible defeat in the event of a 'conventional' conflict.

PHS To avoid defeat we should have either to match the conventional capacity and political intransigence of the Warsaw Pact, or else to develop a strategy that would permit us to fight on far beyond the point of initial weakness.

PHS While a short combat would favour the Warsaw Pact, a long combat would turn the balance against it, by reason of the very truth to which the 'Brezhnev doctrine' refers.

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Volcker breaks with White House policy

Fed chairman recommends modest intervention to control dollar

From Bailey Merris, Washington

Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the United States Federal Reserve Board, in a break with Reagan philosophy has recommended a policy of modest intervention in currency markets to control the erratic dollar.

Mr Volcker reportedly opposed the idea of a new Bretton Woods conference to revise the monetary system and calls by conservatives for a return to a system of fixed exchange rates.

Economic Advisers, reiterated the position that market forces should be the sole determinant of exchange rates.

Investment and Finance

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STOCK EXCHANGES

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UDS seeking 135p a share

There were indications last night that the board of UDS, the steel group, would be prepared to change its mind and recommend the takeover terms offered by Hanson Trust

£35m ISSUE: Applications open on Thursday for an issue of £35 million of City of Bristol 11 1/2 per cent red stock 2008 at 98.

Market report, page 22 INDUSTRIAL: ADD: Government approval has been given for the English Industrial Estates Corporation to spend £27m on new industrial and commercial projects in assisted areas within England during 1983-4.

Wall St stocks turn lower

New York (AP Dow Jones) - Wall Street stocks turned lower. The Dow Jones Industrial average was off about 14 points compared with its early gain of 14.

Losers moved ahead of advances by about 50 issues. Trading was active. Mr Gene Jay Seagle, director of Technical Research for Herzfeld & Stern, said: "There are enough doubting Thomases around to keep the market in check."

Oil price cut 'a success'

The danger of an oil price war is over, leading Arab oil ministers declared yesterday as Britain was once again drawn into the sensitive politics of oil diplomacy.

Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, the Saudi Arabian oil minister, told a Bahrain news agency that last month's Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries agreement to cut prices by \$5 a barrel had proved to be a 100 per cent success in averting a collapse in world oil prices.

In London, meanwhile, a meeting of Opec's key market monitoring committee ended yesterday with ministers declaring that Opec's efforts to prevent further price cuts by withholding production were also proving successful.

EEC ministers fail to agree size of cut

From Ian Murray, Luxembourg The need for a cut in minimum export credit rates between the big industrialized countries and the rest of the world was agreed by the 10 finance ministers of the EEC who met in Luxembourg yesterday.

Protest over Fraser board circular

Another row erupted yesterday between Lonrho and the House of Fraser over a circular from Lonrho advising shareholders of the stores group to support a demerger of Harrods.

The circular, issued by Lonrho's two representatives on the House of Fraser board and carrying the stores group's letterhead, was immediately denounced by Professor Roland Smith, House of Fraser chairman.

Sotheby's takeover 'by May'

General Felt Industries will own Sotheby's Parke Bernet, the fine art auctioneers, by the middle of May, Mr Stephen Swid, of General Felt, said yesterday.

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Volcker: private speech

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City Comment Holding the line on debt

Brazil's recurring liquidity problems are a timely reminder that the debt crisis is not going to disappear overnight and that the existing rescue packages put in place for a number of the biggest borrowers were essentially holding operations.

Brazil is reported once more to be behind with payments to the banks, and talks between Brazilian officials and the country's main commercial bank creditors which began in London yesterday are aimed at providing the country with about \$3,000m extra liquidity to see it through.

However, there is still a strong likelihood that Brazil will need further credits from the banks later in the year, despite the success it is having in pushing up its trade surplus, and nobody doubts that Mexico will also need more money before the year is out.

All sorts of options ranging from central banks or the International Monetary Fund re-discounting commercial bank debt to developing countries or guaranteeing new loans have been put forward to ensure that the banks keep on lending. However, the only common point of agreement is that everyone would like to have some kind of emergency system in place should the need arise.

In practice, of course, this means that very little is likely to happen until it is too late and ad hoc measures and bawling of the banks by the official agencies will probably be the preferred route once again.

In the meantime, it is the extent and vigour of the world recovery which will determine whether another round of emergency rescue packages for the developing countries become necessary later this year.

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Marketing and advertising: Torin Douglas

High ratings reward as agencies' dynamism charms the City

Saatchi & Saatchi, advertising agents to the Conservative Party, British Airways and many of Britain's largest consumer goods companies, has produced many successful campaigns. But perhaps its most difficult image-boosting job has been the one to persuade the City of the financial merits of the advertising business.

Before Saatchi and the other high-flying ad agency, Geers Gross, came along, the City's rating of the advertising business was about as low as it could be. Now ad agencies and other creative companies in the design and public relations fields have become fashionable stocks, with price/earnings ratios of 20 or more. Suddenly the advertising world is looking to the City for finance and security, instead of selling out to American or European groups.

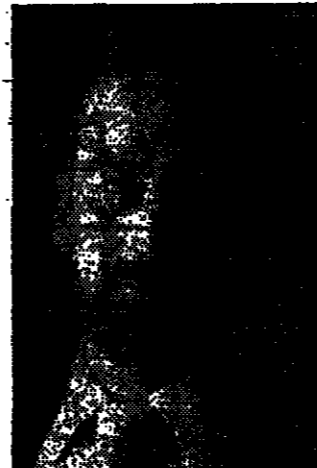
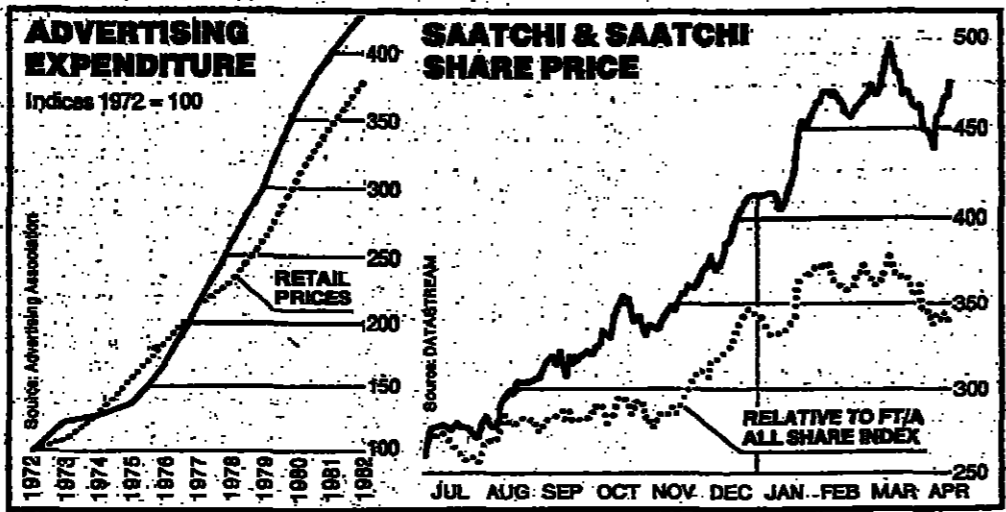
In January, the bright young agency Wight Collins Rutherford Scott entered the United Securities Market, in the process boosting the price of Saatchi and Geers' gross shares to their highest point of the year, as attention focused on the growth in the ad business. Now Boase Massimi Pollitt, one of the most highly regarded agencies with clients such as Courage, Cadbury Schweppes, Quaker Oats and Gillette, has announced plans to seek a full listing on the Stock Exchange.

Boase will be the first agency to go fully public since 1969, the year after it was set up as a breakaway from the American-owned Fritchard Wood agency. Since then it has built up an enviable reputation for its entertaining and effective television commercials, the Cadbury Smash Martians and the "Gercha". Courage campaigns were its work.

Its turnover has grown from £800,000 in its first year to £37m last year and its pretax profits last year were £790,000, suggesting that it could be valued at £12m or more. Seventy of its 155 staff own shares in the company.

Mr Martin Boase, the chairman, is in no doubt about the debt the advertising business owes Saatchi & Saatchi. "I think Maurice Saatchi has done a magnificent job in educating the City about advertising," he says. "He has managed to explode a number of myths that were prevalent - the belief that clients are constantly walking in and out of the door, that accounts are tied up individually, executives will follow them around from agency to agency, and so on."

"He has underlined the fact that the top agencies are stable companies and that the agencies in the top 20 have not changed that much over the years. He has also demonstrated to the



Martin Boase: "Top agencies are stable"

City that advertising expenditure has held up remarkably well during the recession.

This last factor is as crucial as any in explaining the City's change of attitude to advertising, not least because it has helped to ensure that Saatchi's profits have grown regularly for the last 12 years, despite the recession. They reached £2.5m last year. Advertising expenditure grew in real terms last year

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by 3 per cent and the latest Advertising Association economic forecast is for real growth of 5 per cent this year and 7 per cent next year.

Mr Bill Seward of Phillips and Drew stockbrokers says: "The businesses that the City thought were solid, with plenty of assets, such as engineering and manufacturing firms, have been seen to have feet of clay during the last recession, whereas advertising, which was regarded as not entirely serious, volatile and, the first thing to be cut in hard times, has been

seen to prosper." It's all been turned on its head.

"Agencies used to have a price/earnings ratio of around three-quarters of the average. Now they are seen as premium shares."

Mr Michael Waterson, the director of research at the Advertising Association, says the change in attitude towards advertising is not confined to the City. "Marketing is now recognised as being far more important, which is why advertising survived the recession so well. Many companies really learned a lesson from the 1974 slump when they cut their advertising budgets and found that their competitors, who maintained their spending, gained market share at their expense."

"However, the fundamental reason why the recession has had little impact on display advertising is that consumer expenditure has remained virtually stable throughout. It is sometimes difficult to believe that the worst recession that most people under pension age can remember has actually had an almost negligible effect on consumer spending, but this is nevertheless so."

Mr Seward and Mr Waterson agree that Saatchi & Saatchi is largely responsible for getting this message across to the City, mainly through its annual

report, which each year reviews the marketing and advertising business and puts it into its economic context, with great flair and thoroughness, explaining the importance of creating long-term brands and examining the implications for worldwide marketing of technological developments such as satellite and cable television.

Nevertheless, as with most marketing successes, it is not merely the presentation of the advertising business that has changed, but the product itself. Advertising agencies, by and large, are far better managed now than they were at the start of the 1970s. The problems that some of the larger, publicly-quoted agencies met then served as an object lesson for the rest of the business. It was little wonder in those days that the City had a sceptical view of advertising.

Long-established public companies such as Bensons and Dorlands found themselves the targets of bids from companies anxious not for their advertising interests but their property. In a hectic few months in 1971, Dorlands was bought by John Bentley's Barclay Securities and sold again, minus the property, to Garroff Advertising, while Bensons ended up in the arms of the American agency Ogilvy & Mather, with its property in

it has taken until now for agencies to brave the City path again - Saatchi became a public company almost by accident as a result of its takeover of the already quoted Garland-Compton agency in 1975 - and it is a measure of the work that Saatchi and Geers Gross have done in recent years that those traumatic experiences are now largely forgotten. Pension funds now own a third of Saatchi shares.

Nevertheless, there are those who believe that the advertising boom cannot go on for ever and that it will only take one setback for the City to look anew at these glittering stocks.

Mr Keith Shepherd of Hoare Govett says: "They have got pretty fancy ratings which they've justified to date, but I wouldn't pin high hopes on an inevitable growth. There is a limited amount of resource that manufacturers can put into advertising."

It is no coincidence that both Saatchi and Geers Gross are looking overseas for growth. Geers Gross was the first into the United States in 1978 and has since grown further by acquisition. Last year Saatchi bought the Compton International network (which had links with Garland Compton) and catapulted itself into the list of the world's top 10 agencies, with offices in 37 countries and a worldwide turnover of approximately \$1,300m (£849m).

Whether Boase Massimi Pollitt and Wight Collins Rutherford Scott can match the performance of Saatchi and Geers Gross remains to be seen, but their decision to go public has inspired a number of other agencies to consider the idea.

Mr Boase hopes others will follow. "It would be wonderful if we could develop an advertising sector, it would improve the City's knowledge of our business even further" - but he is under no illusions about the pressures that going public imposes.

"Public scrutiny is not something we're afraid of," he says. "With agencies of our maturity of management - our top six directors have been here for 10 years - and the spread and balance of our business it can do nothing but good. That's why we've gone for a full listing and not for the USM."

Other agencies may feel nevertheless that the need for inexorable profits growth is a distracting influence on the business of running the company, making financial requirements of overriding importance. What is certain is that a great many more agency managements are considering the idea.

Once regarded as not entirely serious, agencies are now seen as premium shares

which had set the ad business alight in the 1960s and went public in 1969, at around the same time as Geers Gross.

Kimpher, as it became known, bought a number of advertising agencies and grew to a peak turnover of £26m in 1974, but from there it slipped. After a number of attempts to revitalize the company it was sold in 1977 to the Morrison and Jones International the Guinness banking subsidiary. The individual agencies in the group have since been sold off. It was little wonder then that

Financial notebook

Money services without tiers

A great deal has been written about the impact of technology on the future of the market for financial services. It is widely agreed that the dividing lines between the different types of financial institutions will increasingly be blurred, but there is less agreement on the form that will emerge.

In my view, developments over the next decade are likely to be somewhat different for each of three layers of the market, but one comment is of general application. People are not interested in technology as such; they are interested in something that will make life simpler for them. A person needs a wide range of financial services - short term and long-term savings, life assurance, protection, money transmission, short-term loans, and a mortgage.

While people may enjoy shopping for food and clothing, they do not enjoy shopping around for financial services; they are confused about where to go for what and how to decide which product is best. The key to attracting customer loyalty for financial services is, therefore, to package them in a way which will make life simpler for the customer.

The first layer of the market consists of those adults who do not yet have a bank account. These people have traditionally been paid in cash and they are in no hurry to change over to the cashless society.

The phenomenal growth of the building societies over the past 20 years has been built up largely upon the increasing affluence of this group and I would expect the building societies to hold on to their dominant position as they start to extend a wider range of services - such as the Abbey National Chequesave - to their customers. For this important sector of the market, the building society branch may well grow into a financial supermarket.

The second layer consists of the customers of the clearing banks. Most of the banking groups already offer a complete range of financial services, ranging from insurance broking to estate agency, yet few people think of buying all the financial services from the

group with which they bank, for the simple reason that these various services are not brought together in a way which makes life simpler and more convenient for their customers; why buy unit trusts from your bank's group if they do not make it easier for you to buy and hold their unit trusts than someone else's?

The challenge for the banks is to make their customers feel that the whole range of services in the group is conveniently available to them, preferably through people who understand their particular problems and needs.

The third layer (to whom directing its main attention in seeking to develop an integrated financial service) is known in the trade as the gold card market, in recognition of American Express's success in this field.

These people are interested in a particularly wide range of services including a share portfolio, but tend to be no better at organizing their financial affairs - indeed, the complexity of their finances often leads to paralysis in decision making and relative chaos in record-keeping. Once again the key to building up customer loyalty lies in making life simpler for them.

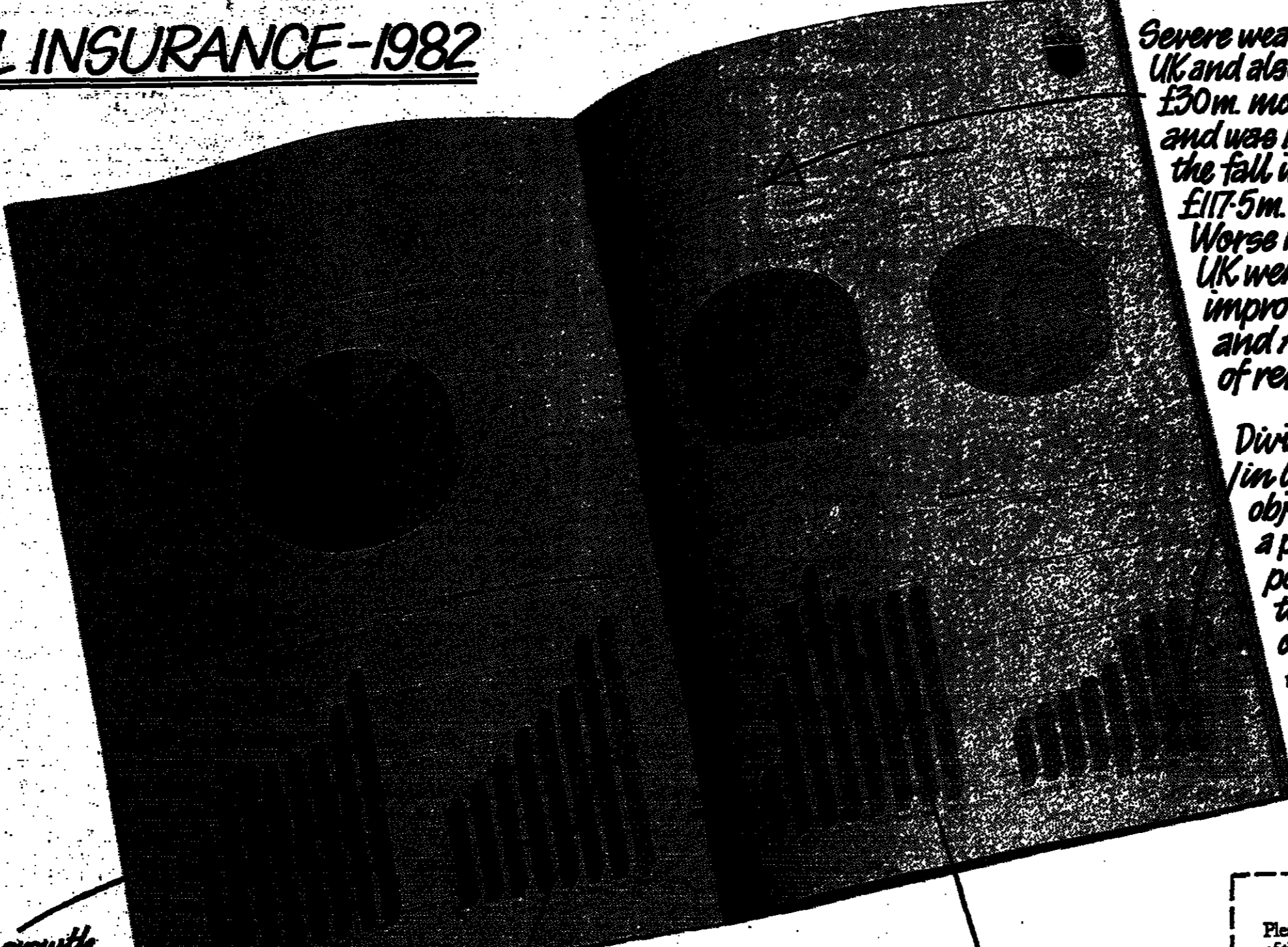
In my view, there are two elements in the solution. The first is the existence of a single person who can either offer advice to the customer on any of his needs or shepherd him to someone else in the group who has the expertise relating to the particular need. The second is an integrated computer system that will pull together the various threads of the customer's financial life, organizing his cash resources in the most efficient way and preparing a regular summary which gives him a clear picture of his affairs.

Providing this service will call for considerable resources of training, management and administration, but the benefit to the "gold card" customer and the group that provides the services should be substantial.

Mark Weinberg

The author is deputy chairman of Hambro Life Assurance.

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Banks in quandary over Saudi deficit

By Michael Prest

An admission by Mr Mohammed Al-Khalil, the Saudi Arabian finance minister, that the kingdom is likely to run a current account deficit this financial year as well as the announced budget deficit had prompted speculation about how the shortfalls will be funded.

Banks throughout the world are wondering whether they will compete for the mandate to raise a loan for Saudi Arabia, while the Saudis are withdrawing deposits.

Mr Al-Khalil said at the weekend that the kingdom did not intend to borrow.

The Saudi Government apparently suggests that Saudi Arabia will have no choice but to seek external finance in the financial year which started last Thursday. Total revenue is projected to be Saudi Riyals 260,000m (£49,600m) whereas spending is put at SR295,000m.

Appearances, however, can be deceptive. It is true that Mr Al-Khalil has reiterated the commitment made by King Fahd to push ahead with the 1980-85 development plan. But it does not follow that all parts of the plan will be completed according to the original schedule or that payment will be made as previously envisaged.

The finance minister made the point himself. He was quoted by Reuters as saying: "All the projects committed by the government agencies are going on. With the huge sums we are dealing with you have a lot of flexibility."

The second doubt about the final size of the budget and current account deficit stems from the behaviour of the oil market. As orders of magnitude,

the kingdom needs to export about 6 million barrels of oil a day at the present price of \$29 a barrel to cover development and other costs.

Last year's average was 5.6m barrels a day and the March figure was a mere 3.5 million barrels a day.

But there is a reasonable chance that output and exports will rise later in the year. The Saudi Government hopes that a recovery of world economic recovery, including of stocks, and several fluctuations will raise demand.

Mr Al-Khalil said that total Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries production could go up from about 16 million barrels a day now to 19 million barrels a day towards the end of the calendar year.

One factor clearly working in Saudi Arabia's favour is the lower rate of import price inflation. The success of most of the kingdom's main industrial suppliers in reducing their domestic rate of price increases, allied with cut-throat competition for Saudi contracts, could lead to import bills lower than expected.

But whatever the eventual combination of events bankers are sure that Saudi Arabia will not start withdrawing deposits until late in its financial year.

It makes sense to delay payments while earning interest and capital appreciation on the kingdom's external assets of \$160,000m for as long as possible.

Kuwait plans to raise spending by about 4 per cent in the financial year beginning on July 1 to about 3,500m dinars (£7,843m) Mr Abdel-Aziz Hussein, Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs said yesterday.

INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK edited by Sally White CURRYS' earnings up with easier credit

Currys Year to 26.1.83 Pretax profit £15,06m (£11.27m) Shareholders 20.5p (16.8p) Turnover £238m (£20m) Net final dividend 5.75p mkg 6.75p (4.95p) Share price 334p up 34p. Yield 2.9% Dividend payable 6.68p

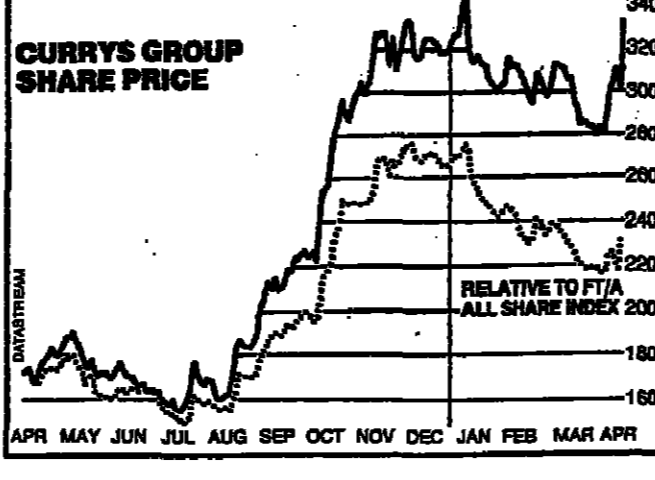
Currys' figures for 1982 show how much of a boost was given to the credit business by easier hire purchase terms and lower interest rates. Pretax profits were well above market forecasts at £15m against £11.2m last time. Credit business was 33 per cent of Currys sales in 1981, last year it jumped to 40 per cent, and the profits have not been dented by increases in bad debts.

At the same time the expansion in rentals, particularly of colour television and video recorders, also began to show through. The jump in assets in this division, from £17m to £29m, is a reflection of its growth.

Currys has been increasing its square footage, both through store openings - there were 20 new trading outlets last year - and re-locations into larger premises, of which there were 18.

These new developments in the rental and hire purchase sectors with investment in larger selling areas pushed up net borrowing to £9m.

The company says that margins were tight during the year, although the volume



increase was high, because of expansions of market shares.

Currys is not certain of the level of margins this year, although the company says that sales are usually higher. Japanese imports, at least, will be coming in at higher prices as a result of the accord between the EEC and the Japanese Ministry of International Trade, and the numbers will be down.

Profit forecasts for this year have been raised substantially now that there is a clearer picture of the impact of cheaper credit. There are hopes of £22m pretax, giving a price earnings ratio of only 14.5 times.

The dividend is likely to rise again, but perhaps by only 2p at the most because of the company's continued heavy expenditure on expansion.

C D Bramall

C. D. Bramall Year to 31.12.82 Pretax profit £1.56m (£2.11m) Stated earnings 21.5p (25.1p) Turnover £53.0m (£43.8m) Net final dividend 8.0p same Share price 163p Yield 5.2% Dividend payable 27.5.83.

With motor registrations moving from bad times to new peaks this year, shares in motor dealers could prove more interesting.

C D Bramall has a sound record compared with some, with profits rising without interruption from less than £1m in 1977 to more than £2m in the company's basis in 1981. That record was dented last year by an eight per cent fall

year fall, after profits had been marginally higher at the halfway stage. Mr D C A Bramall, the chairman, whose family interests own more than a quarter of the company, blames lower margins on new and used vehicle sales and the start-up costs of opening a Vauxhall/Bedford dealership in Sheffield in the middle of the year.

Since the relaxation of hire purchase controls last autumn, the market has generally grown more buoyant and Bramall says this has improved profits on used vehicles in particular.

The mainstay of Bramall's business is its Ford dealerships which, Sierra permitting, should keep it well in the hunt as the vehicle trade moves ahead. Its main problem is being centred in the harder-hit North of England.

Profits should certainly rise again this year. The company has a balance sheet assets worth as much as the share price and reports a £180,000 revaluation surplus which will not be incorporated. The high dividend cover does not help the shares in a sector where yield counts, but they look good value at less than eight times earnings.

Rowntree Mackintosh Rowntree Mackintosh has embarked on an acquisition in the US, a move its shareholders have been awaiting since the 1981 rights issue. It is proposing

to buy Tom's Foods, a snack foods business, from General Mills for £140m. This, it says, fulfils two objectives - a product and geographical expansion.

The deal will initially be financed through a seven-year loan which will be rolled over into longer term money if interest rates fall. Thus the gearing rises to about 50 per cent of equity, while last year Rowntree was generating cash.

There will be no dilution of earnings, and indeed, the view is that this will add about 1/2p to earnings per share this year.

The snack and confectionery market in the US is highly competitive and Rowntree believes that by buying a company that serves the independent and vending groups rather than supermarkets it will continue to be in a relatively high margin backwater.

To critics who query the company's ability to take on a subsidiary in the United States, where it has no management experience, Rowntree says that Tom's has had a lot of autonomy, even though it has been a subsidiary.

Rowntree maintains it is paying about 16 times earnings which is par for the course for US acquisitions in its sector, and that a Tom's will cover interest costs this year.

United States acquisitions are fashionable in the City, and the Rowntree share price, up at 250p, is already benefiting.

Japanese put the accent on learning

Japanese businessmen living in Wales have been surprised to find their children are speaking with Welsh accents.

Others are even more alarmed that their youngsters are starting to speak Welsh, and now company executives are appealing for Japanese teachers for their children.

The problem is highlighted by the first survey of Japanese companies in Britain.

Another put-out for Japanese investment is the lack of Japanese food in Scotland, Wales and other development areas.

One Japanese restaurant outside London in Milton Keynes, was set up after the new town's development corporation appealed for help. But on the whole, says the survey by European Company Services, the Japanese are happy in Britain and with the British.

Production is higher than expected and labour relations are smoother, through a "homely" atmosphere.

The survey was sponsored by the Department of Industry and the Japan External Trade Organisation. Mr George Murray, ECS director, said yesterday: "The biggest concentration of Japanese companies is in the Cardiff area. A Community atmosphere is beginning to form there and the Japanese seem to have an affinity with the Welsh."

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

- International Year to 31.12.82 Pretax profit, £262,000 (£99,000) Stated earnings, 7.37p (7.03p) Turnover, £21.58m (£18.43m) Net dividend, 2.4p (2.25p)
Twinkl Year to 27.2.83 Pretax profit, £1,077m (£563,000) Stated earnings, 1.17p (1.13p) Turnover, £31.44m (£29.1m) Net dividend, 0.5p (nil)
British Empire Securities and General Trust Half-year to 31.3.83 Pretax revenue, £147,000 (£151,000) Net interim dividend, 0.2p (0.2p)
Blockley Year to 31.12.82 Pretax profit, £374,000 (£311,000) Stated earnings, 43.2p (42.6p) Turnover, £19.08m (£17.65m) Net dividend, 1.25p (1.25p)

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Table of commodity prices including LONDON METAL EXCHANGE, SOYABEAN MEAL, COFFEE, SUGAR, WOLLEN, and GRAIN. Includes prices for various grades and currencies.

Large table of financial data including Authorized Units & Insurance Funds, and various investment fund performance metrics.



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Comments by the Chairman, The Rt. Hon. Lord Barber

Profits before taxation for the year ended 31st December, 1982, amounted to £242 million, compared with £260 million the year before. The net profit attributable to shareholders, after deducting taxation and minority interests, was £114 million or 88 pence per share. The total dividend proposed for the year is 27 pence per share.

A modest improvement was achieved in our operating performance around the world in spite of the recession but this was more than offset by the large increase in provisions against doubtful loans.

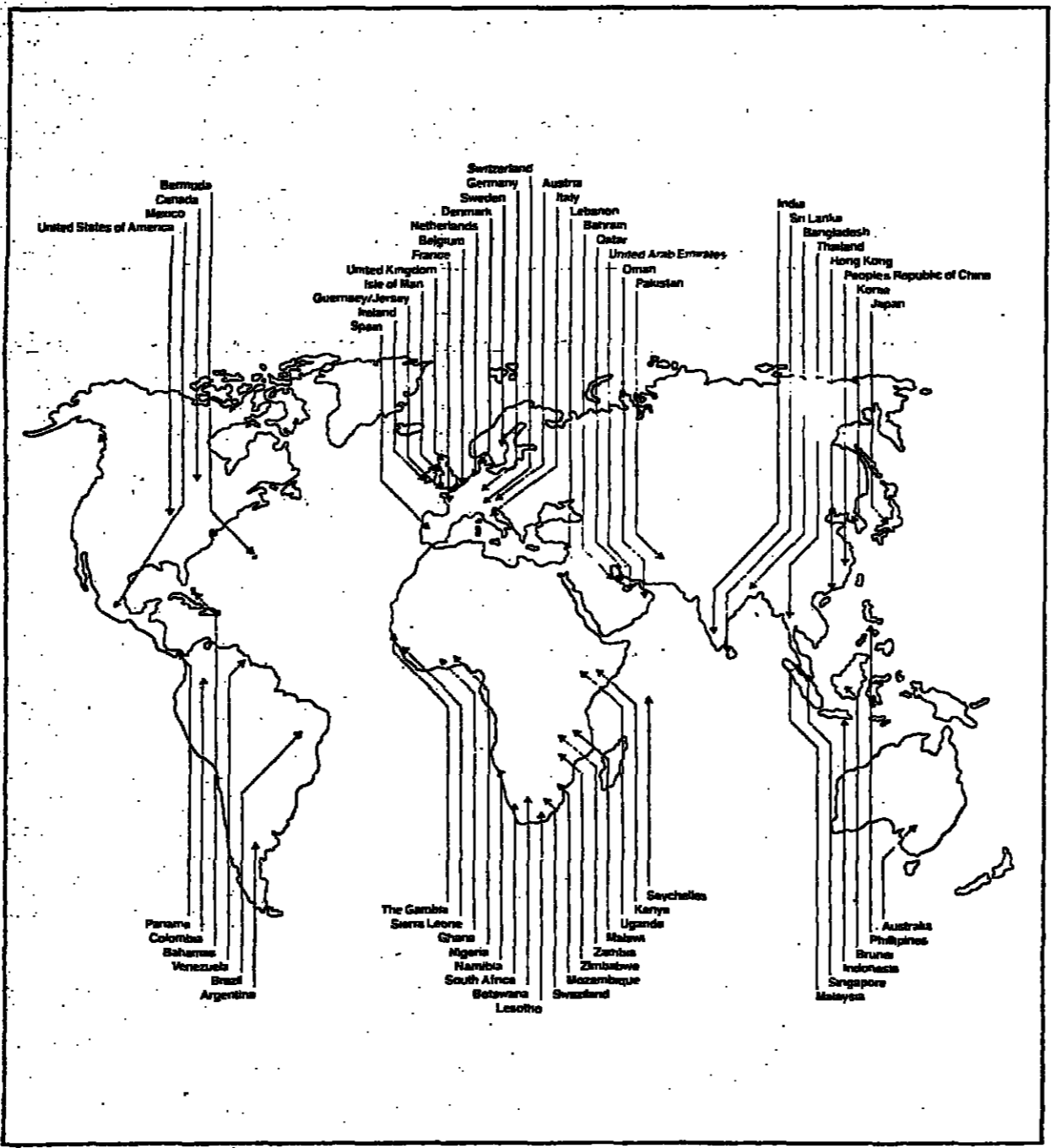
1982 was a year of difficult trading conditions for commercial banking and consumer finance in most of our principal markets. The worldwide network of foreign exchange and treasury centres achieved very satisfactory results. The slowdown in the South African economy affected our subsidiary there, but the improved prospects in the closing months led to a better outturn than had earlier been anticipated. Union Bank produced creditable results in the difficult Californian market. In the Far East, the tougher trading climate in Hong Kong was exacerbated by some concern about the future of the territory.

In the early part of the year a worldwide cost reduction programme was instituted, the benefits from which will be realised in the current year, as well as instilling a generally more alert attitude to cost factors. For a bank such as ours the importance of keeping

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abreast of the latest developments in information technology is obvious, and we are engaged in a major exercise to improve the Bank's systems.

With such wide geographical coverage there are inevitably

changes from year to year in our representational structure. In addition to an increased presence in China, there were other significant changes referred to in my fuller Statement with the Report and Accounts.

In particular, in the United States we have formed an integrated management group to make the most effective use of the presence which the Group already has in seven major States.

Our merchant banking interests now cover ten countries. Last year we took a significant further step by agreeing to acquire MAIBL, the first of the London consortium banks, which will merge with Standard Chartered Merchant Bank.

The problems of international debt servicing for the banking system have seldom been out of the headlines during the past year. It can readily be seen now that several countries had allowed too high a proportion of their public debt to be borrowed abroad and that the prolonged recession and continued high interest rates have created a difficult situation. It will take time for a better balance to evolve, and banks with a continuing interest in the long-term health of the countries experiencing difficulties must play a responsible and co-operating role in easing the adjustment.

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COMPUTER HORIZONS

Architecture and design

Drawing to a deadline

When Hulme Chadwick & Partners won a contract from London Transport to refurbish Chancery Lane and St Paul's Underground stations...

Chadwick, far from losing heart, set up a computer drafting bureau for other architects and designers...

Three years later, Chadwick is recognized as an expert on the application of computers in drafting and design...

The Hulme Chadwick practice, founded by Andrew Chadwick's father, seems to thrive on the unusual. Now specializing in refurbishing old buildings...

In the beer cellar, barrels have given way to automatic drafting tables which sketch out an elevation or an architectural detail at the touch of a button...

"It's a question of applying your knowledge and making computers do what you want," he says. "To me, the computer is a piano and we are the pianists..."

Although the computer is only a tool, it is a very powerful one, and Chadwick has shown that its contribution to architecture and design can be invaluable...

The information you produce can also be transmitted in a completely different way. You can carry it around in the form of magnetic tape...

Graphic and non-graphic data can be combined in the same process, surveyors can provide information in the form



Andrew Chadwick (centre) with colleagues Mr E. Lowinger (left) and Mr R. Watkins outside the deceptive "pub"

of a tape instead of a drawing, and the same basic data can be used to draw to different scales...

"You can do a fairly large drawing job in a quarter of the time and at half the cost, and you can use the time you've saved for better supervision of the work..."

There are also large benefits if an architect or client has a change of heart. The ramifications of changing a specification are little understood outside the profession...

Admirers of Municipal Gothic and Bankers' Georgian may fear that the computer will condemn us to a future of

matchbox regularity. Not so, says Chadwick. "You work with shapes in relation to one another. Every building, even the most Gaudi-esque extravaganza, is a collection of components...

The computer provides so much information that it places a burden on the designer to make choices. It leads away from conformity towards non-conformity.

Although Andrew Chadwick has been one of the pioneers in applying computers to architectural and interior design, the profession as a whole has not been indifferent...

who is chairman of the Computer Group of the Royal Institute of British Architects estimates that well over a third of firms have some sort of computer to do part of their work...

"I think that a higher proportion of architectural practices in this country have computer graphics than any other national profession in the world," Calcomp, the US company which supplied the equipment, has paid to send Chadwick around the world to lecture others on how to use it...

Roger Woolnough

Teething troubles with the Drive

Customers of Clive Sinclair who bought his Spectrum machine when it was launched a year ago have been frustrated at the wait for his long-promised and revolutionary Micro Drive...

Now, however, the company expects to start selling the Drive within the next few weeks. To keep faith with the original mail-order customers, it will be sold initially by mail...

When it does finally arrive, it will offer a storage capacity of more than 100K, and sell at about £40, plus £30 for the computer interface.

Sharp, the Japanese electronics giant, is to launch a micro aimed at the home user, the MZ700, this summer. The machine will offer 64K ram, colour, sound, and graphics...

Computers, makers of the Lynx computer, have just concluded a financial deal which will inject more cash into the company. They are now taking on more design and development staff at their Cambridge factory...

If you are a happy family motorist, then I advise you not to buy one of the latest home application programs from the Reading-based software house Audiogenic.

One of its six domestic programs for the VIC20 is called Car Costs, and after questioning the driver, it will analyse the expense of car ownership, displaying the costs diagrammatically...

Geoffrey Ellis

People/Philip Rule of Safe Computing

Philip Rule has been involved in computing for so long that he goes back to the days when programming was not a full-time job. He graduated as a mathematician, and English Electric took him on in 1957...



burden business, and Safe has discontinued its interests in that area. Ownership of the company has also been restructured, and Chubb disposed of its shareholding last year.

Meanwhile, Rule has taken the company into new activities. His interest in manufacturing industry led to the acquisition of the computer department of PERA, the Production Engineering Research Association...

One result was a software package called SafeS, a production control system which runs on ICL machines. It will generate £1m of Safe Computing's income this year.

Next came MicroSafeS, a version of microcomputers. It serves a very big, largely untapped market," Philip Rule says.

Response to MicroSafeS has been high, though sales have been slow so far. "We are at the exciting time when we will see whether it's really going to take off," Rule says.

He thinks that it could be generating as much revenue in a year or so as the larger SafeS package, adding £1m or more to each year's turnover. "But it could go astronomically beyond that," he adds. "We have literally hundreds and hundreds of prospects."

R.W.

Braille production

How the blind can keep informed

One of the social benefits of microchips and microcomputers is that they can greatly improve the lives of the blind and poor sighted. Voice synthesiser devices, for example, can enable a blind person to become a typist...

These and other technically feasible aids therefore make it possible for blind people to undertake clerical work and deal with correspondence as competently as sighted people. Hitherto, however, not much progress has been made to make this concept an economic practicality.

White started his interest in aids for the blind, and he took out a licence to market the French company's latest product at that time, a portable electronic Braille producing unit called the Digicassette, which enables a blind person to take notes, produce copy, and store it on a tape cassette.

White took the Digicassette to an exhibition at the Edinburgh Royal Blind Asylum and School where a dramatic incident brought home to him the need for an office system for the blind.

At the exhibition was a downcast girl who was leaving school and badly wanted to work in an office, but could not because of her handicap. When told about the Digicassette, her face lit up. She realised that it would help her achieve her ambition, and become employable on the same terms as a sighted person.

"This incident showed me the gap in the market that Erleybridge could fill," he recalls. "I could see that the progress of the electronic office could bring with it a danger to the visually-handicapped members of our society. Their

employment prospects depend, like everyone else's, on being able to compete successfully in the new high technology environment."

Since then, White has monitored developments in aids for the blind in Britain and abroad, and carried out development work himself. SAGEM subsequently assigned the patents, design and manufacturing rights of the Digicassette to an American company, Trimation Inc in Florida, with whom White has a close working relationship.

Trimation redesigned and enhanced the device mechanically and electronically, and recently relunched it as the MicroBraille. A compact desktop device weighing only 8lb, it provides a blind person with a high speed equivalent of a standard office word-processing machine.

The MicroBraille can function as an electronic typewriter, a portable computer terminal, an audio recorder, a data processor, or simply as a notebook. It enables text to be prepared in Braille and automatically converted into normal text. It also converts normal text into Braille without the operator needing to know Braille.

Text is stored on a built-in cassette, a standard C90 cassette being capable of storing 1,000 pages of Braille, and can be checked on a tactile readout comprising a line of 24 Braille characters each of six dots that protrude and retract. Other features include a micro-processor controlled system for editing, indexing and searching stored data.

White has enhanced the capability of the MicroBraille

by linking it to a microcomputer of his own design to give the versatile device the added dimension of communications: the Erleybridge computer allows it to be connected to VDUs, printers, and embossers, and to large computer networks.

White plans to produce a version fitted with an acoustic coupler to enable people who are both blind and deaf to communicate with one another by telephone. The handset will simply fit in the coupler, and the user will communicate via the keyboard and the tactile readout.

White has also provided a "talking" VDU, an embosser and a special Braille translation program. Braille output is generated by a high speed embosser which produces a standard Braille page in 7 seconds, or a slower device that produces a page a minute. The system can produce output in five standard or contracted Braille languages: English, American, Hindi, Arabic and Spanish, French and German are being developed.

The new two systems, which cost around £5,500 each, have been tested and welcomed by the Royal National Institute for the Blind. "Any device which helps blind people to get jobs, or people who suddenly lose their sight to maintain their jobs, is welcome, and this equipment is particularly good," a spokesman said.

He plans to enhance the new systems further. Now under development are packages which will enable visually handicapped people to produce error-free letters and documents.

Frank Brown

Only man (or woman) can think

From P. T. Hobson, The Pound, Cleve St Margaret, Craven Arms, Shropshire. The illustration to Philip Manchester's article (Computer Horizons March 22) implies a question with which the article itself does not deal, but which is of fundamental importance to the future development of the human race...

an interview with the late A. M. Turing, mathematician and computer scientist (June 11, 1949) in which he was asked for his views on the Lister Oration of that year given by G. Jefferson to the British Medical Association. "The Electronic Digital Processing Computer" had recently become a matter of importance to commerce, and the Oration dealt with the question, "Can a Machine Think?"

dichotomy has been a subject of absorbing interest to philosophers from time immemorial. Descartes is generally regarded as being the father of modern development of the subject, and his famous dictum "I think, therefore I am", while denied by the determinists and reductionists and immortalized by Ryle as implying a "ghost in the machine", is not entirely rejected by many modern scientific thinkers. British academic philosophers, however, have been singularly quiet concerning the effect of modern technological developments on this important question.

Words which have been used for centuries both by ordinary people and philosophers to describe attributes of the human mind are used to describe the observed performance of computers and their associated programs without hesitation: memory, knowledge, belief, intelligence, thought and thinking, perception, cognition, are used without any attempt at a limiting definition.

This use of the adjective "limiting" is of crucial importance, because it has now been amply demonstrated that the purely logical part of these various mental capacities can be readily duplicated by machines, at speeds far in excess of human abilities. But each of these attributes involves more than purely logical processes; all involve self-awareness in one form or another, and it is significant that words such as emotion, desire, volition and feeling are not included in the literature of artificial intelligence.

Psychologists now accept that much of this logical processing undoubtedly proceeds below the level of conscious awareness, but the human mind is capable of focusing attention at will on much of this activity, and "I know that I am thinking". Does a computer, composed as it is of inanimate "chips", as distinct from the living tissue of the brain, know what it is doing?

Unfortunately, present and future generations will have been educated to believe that the answer to this fundamental question is "Yes". Already many decisions are being made on the basis of information ejected from a computing system, and one may ask, where

does the responsibility lie? If a bridge is found to be of faulty design, can the computer be put in the witness box during the subsequent public inquiry? Thanks to the speed at which these systems operate, events now take place so rapidly that it is no longer fanciful to say that the decision to "press the button" will not be taken by the Reagans or Andropovs of the day, but by a machine.

Jefferson was right: "Not until a machine can write a sonnet or compose a concerto because of thoughts and emotions felt, and not by the chance fall of symbols, could we agree that machine equals brain - that is, not only write it, but know that it had done it. No mechanism could feel (and not merely artificially signal, an easy contrivance) pleasure at its success, grief when its valves fuse... be charmed by sex, be angry or depressed when it cannot get what it wants."

From Hilary Reed, Reeds, The Suter Road, Farnham. Looming large on your Computer Horizons (March 1) was an article which demonstrates that some experts in high tech - Mr Molyneux, "head of information technology unit of the Industrial Society" no less - have yet to emerge from the caves. The whole article, which "pinpoints the importance of the man at the sharp end", as well as its cartoon illustration, carefully avoids any reference to the contribution of many women who work at every level in information technology.

Yet again arrogant assumptions are to be read in your newspaper that important roles belong only to men. And this written by an "authority" whose title would be, accurately, "head of information technology". Please be a little more careful to choose contributors who are aware of the whole of the human race, not half.

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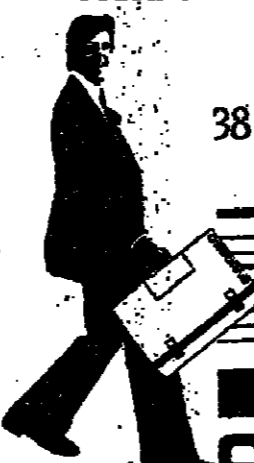
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Just like the weather, the stock market was in a contrary mood yesterday and after coming within a whisker of 700, faded to end lower on the day.

The FT index, which has jumped more than 40 points since Easter, closed 0.5 down at 695.0, having been 2.9 up at 10 am.

However, the undertone remained strong supported by a late burst of buying support from New York where the Dow Jones Industrial average resumed its record run after the weekend break.

Blue chips were again in demand with BOC Group 2p up on the day at 216p along with Fisons 5p to 210p. ICI reduced an earlier fall to end only 2p down at 434p.

Glaxo also retained a strong following ending 1/2p up at 173 1/2. The strength of the market was reflected by brokers Rowe & Pitman's ability to place 9.1 million shares in Rio Tinto Zinc, the mining finance group without too much trouble.

The seller was Mr Harry Oppenheimer's Charter Consolidated, which sold more than 1 million shares this year for about 16m. Yesterday's placing was executed at about 562p, valuing

Index fails to pass 700

ACCOUNT DAY: Dealings began, April 11. Dealings end, April 22. Contango Day, April 25. Settlement Day, May 3.

Chartier's remaining stake at 151m. RTZ ended the day 13p lower at 594p. Charter, on the other hand, rose 12p to 265p along with its largest shareholder, Minorex, up 80p to 874p.

Dealers are pinning their hopes on a late run - possibly to 90p - for shares of ICL, Britain's biggest manufacturer of computers, ahead of the figures. The market is looking for profits of 220m against a loss of 121m. The shares were 1p lighter at 750p yesterday, after 8 1/2p.

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Mr Michael Ashcroft's Electro-Prepresses lost 1p to 246p after disappointing figures and reorganization news. Profits last year rose from \$3.4m to \$5.8m (£3.7m), but were below market expectations after exceptional items of \$1.2m.

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One of the biggest movers on the day was Security Centres, which returned from a brief suspension 18p higher at 550p. The suspension came after details of the group's latest US security acquisition, Jewellers Protection, in January, the shares stood at 280p after news of a 25m rights issue and acquisition of National Guardsman security in New York.

The possibility of burnt fingers failed to deter investors in Bellair Cosmetics, which ended the day 9p higher at 65p, despite a circular from the company giving a warning that talks on a bid for the company were well below the current share price. The group's biggest shareholder, Fenton Hill, is trying to sell its stake. Market followers believe that a reverse takeover is being planned.

After the recent rights issue at Compagnie de l'Occident pour la France et l'Industrie has taken a stake of 10.5 million shares, or 7.85 per cent of the equity, Lord Kissin's stake accounts for 13.46 per cent of the shares.

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FOOTBALL: THE STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL

Hartlepool and Wigan put the point for Maxwell

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Robert Maxwell's plan to amalgamate two third division clubs, Oxford United and Reading, next season was both weakened and strengthened yesterday...

Mr Maxwell's main opponent could be Roger Simon. He failed to get over Reading when it was put up for sale in the autumn last...

Merseyside united against Manchester

By Stuart Jones

A bridge of purple will tonight span the rivalry of Merseyside. The blue scarves of Everton and the red colours of Liverpool will be tied together in a common cause...

Two-match ban and fine for Hankin

Middlesbrough's former England Under-25 forward Ray Hankin was suspended for two games and fined £200 by the FA disciplinary committee yesterday...

Zoff submits to a Romanian sentence

Milan (Agenzia) Dino Zoff, who captured Italy to their World Cup victory in Spain last summer, is to retire from international football...

He looks likely to arrive his troubled midfield by playing two of his three foreign-based players, Bernd Schuster of Barcelona and Hansi Müller of Internazionale...

European league results

Table of European league results including matches from the UEFA Cup, UEFA Champions League, and other continental competitions.

CYCLING A little touch of Sheffield steel

By John Wilcockson

After winning the prologue stage of the Sealink International on the Isle of Wight yesterday, Malcolm Elliott, of the Great Britain amateur team, declared his ambition of wearing his newly won yellow jersey into his home town of Sheffield at the end of the six-day race...

ATHLETICS Why clarification is needed over the payments to runners

By Pat Butcher

It is a symptom of the lingering hypocrisy surrounding amateur athletics receiving payment that the London Marathon winner Mike Gratton was unwilling to talk about the money for participation that would go into his trust fund...

Should Everton win, they will move above West Ham United and Tottenham Hotspur to eighth place and within reach of a place in the UEFA Cup next season. They would also gain revenge for their league defeat at Old Trafford last September when Robson and Whiteside, as on Saturday, claimed a goal each.

As Bailey is suffering from a strained hamstring and his deputy, Wealdens, has an injured calf, Pears may be called up for his first senior appearance in goal. Moran, who took his total of facial stitches to 82 on Saturday, will be replaced by McGraw, who has not played for the last 10 minutes at Villa Park.

Everton, in contrast, have been relaxing for nine days since their victory over Brighton, United's opponents at Wembley at the end of May. They have lost only two of their home league fixtures this season...

Derby County received two pieces of good news yesterday. First Leeds United agreed to allow their defender Kenny Burns to stay on loan at the Baseball Ground until the end of the season, and shortly afterwards the club announced a £1,000 season ticket for next season.

Derby yesterday announced squad of 16 for two crucial European Championship group six fixtures in Turkey and Austria in the next nine days.

The West German league race tightened up over the weekend with only two points separating the first three clubs. Werder Bremen joined the defending champions SV Hamburg on 41 points at the top.

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Boys' £10,000 lifeline

Organized athletics for boys at a local club level, so vital as a lifeline for the senior sport, had its immediate future assured with the announcement yesterday of a sponsor for the Young Athletes League.

Behind the League, pretended mixed feelings, knowing how much more hard work he would have in front of him. But since he almost had to disband the League six months ago due to lack of money, this sponsorship came as a relief.

Aberdeen forced to call up reserves

Aberdeen arrived in Belgium for the second leg of their European Cup Winners' Cup semi-final against Waterschei without Doug Bell, the inspiration of their 3-1 first leg victory. Bell has a leg injury and is expected to be out for the next 10 days.

India face struggle to save Test

Bridgetown (Reuters) - Not for the first time in this Test series against West Indies, the Indian cricketers find themselves in a tight spot at the wall. When play resumes in the fourth Test this morning after yesterday's rest day they face the daunting task of keeping West Indies from building a huge first innings lead.

Why there can be no room for charity in the selectors' hearts

There was never a cricket season, I imagine, when the need for the selectors to get things right was of such paramount importance to England as it is now. For the second successive year after the failure of the winners, they are going to have to build a new team from limited resources.

Cricket: unsettled outlook for England

At a special meeting for which a large London hall is to be hired on a resolution that the club should send a side to South Africa. For this to happen a two-thirds majority will be needed from among those who vote, and there is no doubt at all that a great many MCC members will be inclined to support the resolution, as countless other cricket followers would be.

GOLF Carlsaw returns

Scotland's four representatives in the Walker Cup, to be played next month at Hoylake, have been excluded from the Scottish team to tour France at Fontainebleau on May 15 and 16. Peter Ryde writes. Iain Carlsaw soon to move back to Scotland from living in England, returns to the international scene, and the other five members were all Scottish internationals last year when they successfully defended their title in the home internationals.

SNooker Williams in fight-back

Rex Williams slammed three superb breaks as he fought back against Steve Davis in the Embassy World Professional Snooker Championship in Sheffield yesterday. Davis, the 25-year-old Londoner, was humbled 10-3 last year as defending champion in the first round by Tony Knowles of Bolton. It looked as though Williams, the world billiards champion, was going to retrieve the backlash. He had stormed 6-0 ahead, including a third frame break of 70, in their first round match at the Crucible Theatre.

FOR THE RECORD

Table of sports records including basketball, rifle shooting, tennis, and other international sports events.

SPORT IN BRIEF

A burning issue of half-full fuel tanks. Le Castelle (France) Renault Formula One drivers may find the tactic of starting Grand Prix with half-filled tanks, and refueling during the race, outlawed next year.

TENNIS: The final of the Pacific Southwest open between Gene Mayer of the United States and the second seed, and Johan Kriek of South Africa, the fifth seed, was washed out yesterday. It will be played today.

HOCKEY: The fifth champions trophy tournament, sponsored by Pakistan International Airways, will be held in Karachi between October 23 and November 4.

RUGBY: The England reserve hooker, Steve Mills, has been named as the captain after three years in the job. Mills says the strain is too much.

SWIMMING: Karen Millborne and Beverley Scott make their Great Britain swimming debut next month. They are part of a team which will represent Britain in the European Cup in Israel from May 1 to 7. The other swimmers are Sarah Kenwell (freestyle) and Sandra Bowman (breast stroke).

RUGBY LEAGUE: All four ties in the first round of the premiership have been arranged for Sunday. The games are Hull v Oldham; Hull KR v Castleford; Wigan v Leeds; and St. Helens v Widnes. The winners will receive £7,000 of the £80,000 prize, which will continue to support both the championship and the premiership over the next three years.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

Table of today's fixtures for various sports including football, tennis, and other events.

OTHER SPORT

TENNIS: Steve Case (Gourm) received World professional championships (Crucible Theatre, Sheffield).

GOVERNOR NOT READY

off a tour of the Caribbean, simply because three or four of their players had been on a private visit to South Africa in 1979. The costs of postage and telegrams increased by £5,000.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Playoff: Division I: New York Islanders 4-2 Philadelphia Flyers (4-3-1); Boston Bruins 4-2 New York Rangers (4-3-1); Philadelphia Flyers 4-2 New York Islanders (4-3-1); Boston Bruins 4-2 New York Rangers (4-3-1).

Non-stop rumours leave Guineas market in chaos

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent
The 2,000 Guineas market was in turmoil yesterday after some of the leading bookmakers, notably Hills, Combs and Dick, decided to suspend operations for the time being...

A day that Piggott will want to forget

Lester Piggott, paying one of his rare visits to Wolverhampton yesterday, twice ended up before the stewards, and Pomade, his only winner from five mounts, was relegated to second place...



DAVID MILLER
Making the fox a political animal

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The hunt: Breeding ground for top sportsmen

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Epsom

Draw advantages: Low numbers best.
Tote: Double 3.10, 4.10, Treble 2.35, 3.40, 4.45.
[Television (TV) 2.35, 3.10 and 3.40 races.]

2.0 CUDINGTON AUCTION STAKES (2-Y-O maidens: £1,846: 5f) (9 runners)
1.01 NUTSHELL (M) Doughty 10 8-7 P Robinson 7
1.02 MR CARACTACUS (M) Piggott 8-12 S Causton 5

3.10 ESAL BLUE RIBBON TRIAL STAKES (Group III: 3-Y-O: £15,164: 1m 110yds) (5)
3.02 4122 GORDIAN (M) Harcourt 8-9 G Starley 2
3.03 2124 KUWAIT TOWER (Spk Falc) J Suddell 8-9 W Mercer 5

4.10 APRIL HANDICAP (3-Y-O Fillies: £3,106: 1m 110yds) (11)
5.02 2157 60 THUNDER (M) Doughty 10 8-7 W R Seabrook 2
5.03 2158 2202 (M) Doughty 10 8-7 W R Seabrook 2

4.45 BUNBARY MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O maidens: 711yds) (10)
6.02 2159 2159 (M) Doughty 10 8-7 W R Seabrook 2
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Wolverhampton selections
By Our Racing Staff
2.0 Luck Penny, 2.30 Blackfoot Belle, 3.0 Son Of A Gunner, 3.30 Mailman, 4.00 Little Poney, 4.30 Tippie Le Jump, 5.00 Onwardles.

Sedgefield Selections
By Our Racing Staff
2.15 Rose's Pal, 2.45 Gale Lad, 3.15 Honourable Man, 3.45 Prince Rowan, 4.15 Good Crack, 4.45 Jamestown, 5.15 Mick's Ritual.

Wolverhampton results
Gales Straight course: Good to soft.
2.0 (2) TRILLIAN STAKES (2-Y-O maidens: £282: 5f)
2.01 2159 2159 (M) Doughty 10 8-7 W R Seabrook 2

Wolverhampton

Draw: No advantage.
2.0 CYCLAMEN STAKES (3-Y-O maidens: £282: 5f) (10 runners)
1.01 2159 2159 (M) Doughty 10 8-7 W R Seabrook 2
1.02 2160 2160 (M) Doughty 10 8-7 W R Seabrook 2

2.30 FORGET-ME-NOT STAKES (2-Y-O selling: £572: 5f) (11)
1.01 2161 2161 (M) Doughty 10 8-7 W R Seabrook 2
1.02 2162 2162 (M) Doughty 10 8-7 W R Seabrook 2

3.0 PRIMROSE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £1,421: 7f) (10)
1.01 2163 2163 (M) Doughty 10 8-7 W R Seabrook 2
1.02 2164 2164 (M) Doughty 10 8-7 W R Seabrook 2

3.30 LILAC HANDICAP (£1,898: 1m 110) (13)
2.01 2165 2165 (M) Doughty 10 8-7 W R Seabrook 2
2.02 2166 2166 (M) Doughty 10 8-7 W R Seabrook 2

2.15 MONKEY PUZZLE HURDLE (Selling handicap: £550: 3m 600yds) (21 runners)
2.01 2167 2167 (M) Doughty 10 8-7 W R Seabrook 2
2.02 2168 2168 (M) Doughty 10 8-7 W R Seabrook 2

2.45 JOHN JOY HURDLE (Handicap: £1,838: 2m) (21)
2.01 2169 2169 (M) Doughty 10 8-7 W R Seabrook 2
2.02 2170 2170 (M) Doughty 10 8-7 W R Seabrook 2

3.15 SPORTING CHRONICLE CHASE (Ladies: £1,576: 3m 600yds) (10)
1.01 2171 2171 (M) Doughty 10 8-7 W R Seabrook 2
1.02 2172 2172 (M) Doughty 10 8-7 W R Seabrook 2

3.45 HEPWORTH SUPERSLEEVE CHASE (Novices: £1,323: 3m 600yds) (16)
1.01 2173 2173 (M) Doughty 10 8-7 W R Seabrook 2
1.02 2174 2174 (M) Doughty 10 8-7 W R Seabrook 2

Edinburgh results
Gales: Straight course, good; remainder, good to soft.
2.15 (2) BRAGG AUCTIONS STAKES (2-Y-O: £282: 5f)
2.01 2175 2175 (M) Doughty 10 8-7 W R Seabrook 2

SQUASH RACKETS

Start of a white, green and blue revolution
By Rex Bellamy
World Championship Squash (WCS), a new organization directed by four experienced and successful entrepreneurs, is to revolutionize the professional game as a spectator sport...

ICE HOCKEY
Durham, the uncrowned 'champions'
By Robert Pryce
If there was any justice in British Ice Hockey, Durham would have been declared English champions after their second seven-goal win over Cleveland Bombers in successive days...

HOCKEY
Miss Paul puts Ireland through
Kuala Lumpur (Agencies) - Spain and Ireland qualified for the final of the 11-nation Women's Hockey Cup here yesterday...

VOLEYBALL
Southern raid repulsed
By Paul Harrison
MIM, Scottish league champions for the fifth time in a row and favorites to retain their hold on the Royal Bank Cup, had their hopes of repelling a challenge from the south of the border when they beat Kelly Girl International 3-1 in Edinburgh...

Today's point-to-point
Newbury Grand National appeal at Hythe, near Chiping Norton (2.0, NR: Some Toys.

Advertisement for 'The Iniquitous' with text 'The Iniquitous that must be broken for' and a large graphic of a horse's head.

DEATHS

There said John was born. Except for the usual family members, you will not be able to find him...

BIRTHS

APRIL - On April 16th, at St Teresa's Hospital, Wimbledon, to Philip and Gordon a daughter...

MARRIAGES

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Advertisement for Spink Buy War Medals. The only support we get in the fight against Britain's biggest killer is yours. Includes contact information for Spink Buy War Medals.

Refugee accused of seedy past

By George Clark
Prospects for Mr Stanou Papsou, the deported Romanian, ever being allowed back into Britain now seem slim...

Mr David Waddington, Minister of State, Home Office, said yesterday: "It now appears that he was convicted of rape when he was in Romania..."

Mr Waddington said that when he was deported back to Romania, Mr Papsou had claimed that he had been tortured and beaten by prison officers in England...



Princess gets nose-rub welcome from Maoris

The Princess of Wales received a nose-rubbing from a Maori girl at a walkabout in an Auckland park yesterday...

Police are on full alert for protests by the Maoris, who want compensation for land acquired during the reign of Queen Victoria.

Lead-free petrol by 1990

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Ireland from food or even the glazing on plates...

Channel 4 may face call for shutdown

Independent television companies may ask for Channel 4 to be shut down until the dispute over payments for actors...

Frank Johnson in the Commons Acts of an apostle for Third World

Yesterday the House debated the plight of the Third World. As always when that subject is under discussion in the Chamber...

Manila fires
Manila (AFP) - About 1,500 people were left homeless after two separate fires in a Muslim neighbourhood in central Manila...

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,107. Includes a grid and various clues for across and down.

Workshops. Halewood, 2.10; as President of the NSPC, attends centenary annual general meeting of the Liverpool Branch...

TV top ten. National top ten television programmes in the week ending April 10: 1 Coronation Street (Wed) Granada, 10.15m...

Roads. London and South-east: Scrubs Lane, N Kensington: Roadworks. Kingston town centre: Width restriction at Wood Street...

Weather. A depression in the North Sea will move slowly N, and a cold N airstream covers the British Isles. Includes a map of the UK and tide tables.

Parliament today. Commons (2.30): Debates on Opposition motions on East Anglia and on shipping and ship repairing industries...

The pound. Bank Rate: 12.50%. Bank of England: 12.50%. Exchange rates for Australia, Austria, Belgium, etc.

Lighting-up time. London: 8.30 pm to 5.28 am. Belfast: 8.40 pm to 5.28 am. Lowest and highest temperatures across various locations.

Abroad. Weather and tide tables for various countries including Algeria, Argentina, Australia, etc.

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